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Cardinal describes nightmare Catholics dreaded for years

# Betrayed by the bishop

E leaders of Britain's four million Catholics sald last night that they felt betrayed and duped by the Bishop of Argyll who three years ago lied and gave "cast-iron" guarantees that rumours about sexual misde-

meanours were unfounded.
The Catholic authorities in Scotland urged the runaway Right Reverend Roderick Wright, the Bishop of Argyll and the Isles, to come out of hiding to answer questions about his relationships with at least two women and his 15-year-old son. One churchman called him "the second

Cardinal Thomas Winning, head of Scotland's 750,000 Catholics, described the last 10 days as a nightmare he had been dreading for years.

"I weep for the mother and child and the way in which they have been treated, but I have been so duped by the events of the last few days that I don't know what to believe any more. I feel as betrayed as anybody in all of this, and I know what the people are feeling because I

He said that three years ago his concern over an allega tion involving a "particular person" and unrelated to any child had been set at rest by Bishop Wright's denials.

'We received cast-iron guarantees that reports were scurrilous and there was no You live in fear of a night mare, perhaps, but that seemed to recede because we had these guarantees. But, unfortunately, the nightmare

The Scottish Catholic Church has had to cope with a succession of damaging revelations since the bishop disappeared 10 days ago and his name was linked to a divorcee nurse, Kathleen Macphee. His resignation was announced on Monday, before another woman, Joanna Whibley. came forward to reveal that her 15-year-old son Kevin had been fathered by the bishop when he was a curate.



The Pope, who accepted the Bishop of Argyll's resignation on Thursday, spoke of family values in Sainte Anne d'Auray, France, yesterday.

be far more sensible was if the Catholic Church, as it has already acknowledged the dif-ficulties, would be pro-active and set up its own telephone line for women who have chil-

dren by priests to telephone them and tell them their de-Church will want to take care and take responsibility for

Questions as to how Bishop Wright was able to send substantial sums of money — in July he sent a cheque of £2,031 — to Ms Whibley have not been answered. Cardinal Win-

that not a penny of diocesan money had been paid towards the child's upkeep.

"He was very honest about finances of the diocese and he left prominent financial statements. I had no reason to doubt his word." One source has suggested

that July's cheque was the proceeds of an insurance pol-icy the bishop and Ms Whibey had taken out. But Catholic leaders are

bracing themselves for the possibility of more scandal. Archbishop Keith O'Brien, the recently appointed apos-Ms Whibley said yesterday been answered. Cardinal Win-that the Church could do ning said that Bishop Wright Wright's diocese, said there

"In all honesty, when one opens a can of worms, one just doesn't realise what's at the bottom of it," he said. Leaders of the Scottish Catholic Church have not been able to contact the bishop since a meeting in Glasgow with Cardinal Winning last Sunday evening

when his resignation was accepted. The Vatican accepted it formally on Thursday.

Ms Whibley who spent the day in her modest council house in Polegate, Sussex, besieged by the media, admitted

more to help women in her | had assured him last Sunday | was no knowing if there was | bishop disappeared because | ply do not know where he is | ers said they were puzzled at position: "What I think would | that not a penny of diocesan | more to be revealed. | of a woman, she thought it | or what his intentions are or | how the bishop's secret had

was her. In their last conversation, the bishop had promised to come and live with her and their son, Kevin.
"He is a very kind and honourable man. But he does have the ability to compart mentalise sections of his life,'

she told an acquaintance did not wish to be named. Meanwhile, the Catholic Church pleaded with Bishop Wright to get in touch and answer the flood of questions. An exasperated spokesman for the Scottish Catholic Church, Fr Tom Connelly,

why he has been leading a double life." As Catholics demanded to know how a man with a ninevear-old son could accept the position of a bishop, it emerged that Bishop Wright had had doubts about

whether to accept the post. The night before his conse-cration, he told 15 priests that he had rung the Papal Nuncio in London three times to turn down the job only to hang up before it was answered.

Prayers were said for Bishop Wright at mid-mornyesterday that she still loved said he was fast becoming the ing mass at St Columba's Ca-Bishop Wright. When the second Lord Lucan: "We sim-

survived the "very, very strict" scrutiny process undertaken by the Papal Nuncio before his appointment as a bishop. Bishop Wright is now said to be full of remorse that he undertook the office.

Letters, page 8; Mark Lawson, The Week

# Greens brave disaster at polls

Stuart Millar

HE Green Party yester day decided overwhelmingly to contest the general election despite warnings from members that it is likely to be annihilated at the polls. An emergency motion at the Greens' autumn conference in Hastings, East Sussex sought to disengage the national party from the elec-tion and instead focus on European elections, where it has had better success in the

The motion said the party should "actively abstain" be-cause the electoral system was "unfair and prejudiced" against smaller parties and gave no scope for the "costeffective promotion of green politics

Local parties, which are independent of the national structure, would have been encouraged not to contest

Activists who put forward the motion said there was a perception among voters, even Green supporters, that Green candidates would never win. They pointed to the success of sister parties in European countries that have

proportional representation. Chris Busby, of Aberyst-wyth, said: 'This whole argument is about resources. We can spend it all at general elections, and charge in like the Light Brigade and get

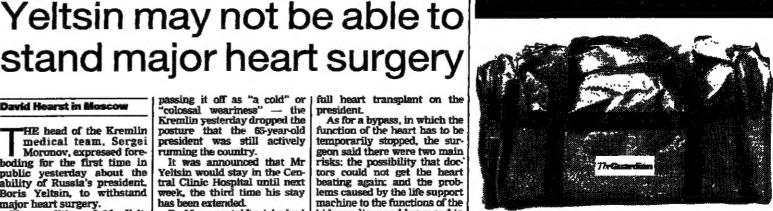
nated" around £300,000 to the Government in lost deposits. of the national vote at the 1989 European elections, the party won no seats and performed disastrously at the 1992 election. Since then membership

risen sharply recently. Delegates ignored his plea to target resources elsewhere, defeating both the motion and a call for minimal involve-ment in the election.

has fallen from 20,000 to 8,000

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# Iris Murdoch fears writer's block means she will never write another novel

Joanna Coles

DAME Iris Murdoch, one of the best and most prolific writers of her genera tion, is suffering severely from writer's block and fears she may never write again. The 77-year-old author, who won the Booker Prize in 1978 for The Sea, The Sea, said yes-lerday that she was in a "very very bad, quiet place". Her husband, John Bayley,

who recently retired as Warton Professor of English at Oxford University, said tests for Alzheimer's disease and other illnesses of with old age had proved negative. Dame Iris. who was

awarded the DBE for services to literature in 1987, said she normally wrote novels relatively quickly. Her last one, Jackson's Dilemma and her 26th to date, has just been published in paperback by Penguin, but there is nothing in the pipeline.
Asked whether she had suf-

fered from writer's block be-fore, she replied: "I think this is a very bad one."



Iris Murdoch with her husband John Bayley

find anything to help me," she said. "I find I haven't got anything at the moment, this is really rather startling

"I feel as though maybe the whole thing has packed up. But I hope, I really do believe actually, I could get on and find myself in a happier state, She felt gloomy a lot of the time. "At the moment I can't dering. I think of things and lot of the time."

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then they go away forever." Writer's block remains the most frightening of authors' predicaments. While Kingsley Amis advised a "wash and a shave", Mark Twain counselled: "When the tank runs dry you've only to leave it alone and it will fill up again in time."

Duet in perfect harmony, The

# stand major heart surgery

David Hearst in Moscow

HE head of the Kremlin medical team, Sergei Moronov, expressed forepublic yesterday about the ability of Russia's president. Boris Yeltsin, to withstand

major heart surgery.
The condition of Mr Yeltsin's kidneys, liver and other vital organs substantially in-creased the risks of his forthcoming heart bypass opera-tion, it was admitted. Dr Moronov said that, as a result, the operation had become big and very serious one". A heart transplant was even a

His comments reflect the nervousness of Russia's lead-ing heart surgeons, who will have to bear responsibility for an operation in which the condition of the patient has increased the chance of

Having downplayed for months the seriousness of Mr now be preparing for at least Yeltsin's heart condition — the possibility of performing a

passing it off as "a cold" or | full heart transplant on the "colossal wearmess" — the | president.

Kremlin yesterday dropped the | As for a bypass, in which the

posture that the 65-year-old president was still actively running the country. It was announced that Mr Yeltsin would stay in the Cen-tral Clinic Hospital until next week, the third time his stay has been extended.

Dr Moronov told a televised press conference: "All of us during our lives acquire quite a lot of different problems with our organs and unfortunately Boris Nikolayevich [Yeltsin] has them too.

"One cannot just consider the operation as on one organ alone, of course it will touch upon many other organs and systems and we must be abso lutely sure of preserving their

A Russian surgeon who reg-ularly performed heart bypass operations at one of the four leading Moscow hospitals told the Guardian that the medical team would almost certainly

temporarily stopped, the sur-geon said there were two main geon sant there were two main risks: the possibility that doc-tors could not get the heart beating again; and the prob-lems caused by the life support nachine to the functions of the kidneys, liver and lungs and to the blood supply to the brain. He said: "When the aim of the operation is the aspiration

to preserve 100 per cent of a man and, in this case, the pres geon's team must be prepare or any development — includ ing transplantation of the heart. It's obvious: you stop the neart, and what if you can't get it going again?"
The number of by-pass

operations performed in Russia each year is a fraction of that in Western countries and Russian surgeons have ever less experience with transplants. Mr Yeltsin has made patriotic gesture by deciding have the operation in Russia.

# Inside

Labour plans to replace post-16 benefit with a means tested education allowance roused fierce condemnation from all sides.

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**World News** Bulgaria's UN

ambassador should resign after he voiced criticism of his government, the foreign ministry said in Sofia.

Sport The return of Tour de France hero

Miguel Indurain turned sour on yesterday's 13th stage when he gave up in mid-race.

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shares in Robert Maxwell's company.

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Top City firms are

braced for criticism

of their role in the

controversial sale

of £250 million of

# EU tells Britain beef ban stays

# and lan Traynor in Bonn

sion responded to the Government's decision to halt the cull of 147,000 cows by warning yesterday that the ban on the ex-port of British beef could stay in place until BSE had been eradicated in Britain.

European leaders made it clear they believed the Government had reneged on last June's Florence agreement when the Cabinet decided on Thursday not to proceed with the cull of cattle under 30 months of age believed to be at risk of BSE.

tistical study by Oxford Uniease will die out within five cull unnecessary. The EU argues the cull was part of the greement to secure a phased lifting of the ban, and that it will ensure both that eradica-tion occurs more quickly and

called on European Union ministers to take part in a rational debate. The Prime Minister insisted that in halfwithin the rules agreed wiht

said. "It was perfectly clear within the agreement that if

consider that evidence." Franz Fischler, the agricul-European Parliament in Strasbourg: "As long as they

ing document from them which we can carefully check, then an end to the export ban is simply not a possibility."
In Brussels, Klaus Van der Pas, the commission's senior spokesman, said: "If the UK government comes to the conclusion that the conditions [for lifting the ban] cannot be fulfilled then the beef ban

cannot be lifted." The commission insisted that it was abiding by the Florence agreement — hailed by Mr Major at the time as a triumph - but that any new evidence would be considered. Any lifting of the ban will have to be agreed by the veterinary committee, by the commission and finally the Council of Ministers.
But the commission opened

the possibility of a partial lifting, with or without a cull in are given a clean bill of health - a move the Government has opposed because of its im-plications for the unity of the United Kingdom. In Britain Douglas Hogg

mitted that the Cabinet's decision meant there was no chance of the ban being lifted this autumn.

There were signs of a hard-ening of attitudes by fellow member states, which feel they bent over backwards to offer Mr Major a deal which

groups issued warnings against imported chaese or milk, Klaus Kinkel, the for-eign minister, said: "A unilateral change by the British Government is not accept-able. The main priority is the health of the consum

# Labour plans to replace post-16 child benefit with education allowance

last night joined fierca Tory and Lib-eral Damocrat condemnation of Labour's £1 billion plans to replace child benefit for older teenagers tion allowance, targeted at low and middle income famllies whose children cur-But after bridge-building Labour backbenchers, the shadow chancellor, Gordon package to reform the "unfair lottery of unequal provision" without a hail of abuse from

Child benefit Number of 16-18 year olds 400,700

education secretary, David of the scheme — absent yes-terday to the delight of Tory election planners who dubbe

rate at which the allowance will be paid — higher than child benefit and possibly between £12 and £15 range after the November budget. Only then will he also reveal the income level at which better-off parents of youngsters aged from 16-18 will cease to be eligible. It remains a poten-

"No parent will know where they stand. They are replacing a system of cer-tainty with one of uncertainty," said one Tory strategist as child poverty analysis, including Professor Ruth Lister who sat on Labour's warned that deserving fam-

for raising skills via workbased or the school/college route, Labour plans to use the 2600 million spent on post-16

Dr Tacon said the designs must have been made by hu-

mans and despite their primi-

tive form were art. On one

Mr Brown will unveil the child benefit plus \$400 mil-ate at which the allowance lion spent in Youth Training be changed," said Mr Brown. will be paid — higher than (YT) allowances to re-focus British teenagers stay in edu-child benefit and possibly be resources towards the less cation and training at half the well-off, Mr Brown has cautiously insisted it must not increase public spending.

The money, still paid to mothers, will only go to those

whose children are in "meaningful education or training". The move represents a significent shift of resources from welfare to education, Ms Harman said — part of Labour's drive to cut walfare costs by getting people back to work.

Mr Brown and his allies reached agreement this week after backstairs battles which saw Chris Smith replaced by Ms Harman at the social secu-

rity portfolio in July. Yesterday the trio stresse In an ambitious blueprint the need to shake up the post-16 education system on grounds of fairness and eco-

rate of major competitor countries, 40 per cent at 18 compared with 80 per cent in

France and Germany. Given the rule whereby universal child benefit - up to £10.80 a week - for children up to 16 is available only to those between 16 and 18 who stay at school, Mr Brown argued that up to £1,500 is going to well-off families while those in most need of skills for work have a positive dis-

"I cannot justify a situation where . . . a millionaire, who sends his or her child to Eton or another private school, can claim child benefit when half the country, half of the rest of the mothers of teenagers, do

The Social Security Secretary, Peter Lilley, denounced the move as proof that Labour remained the tax and spend party determined to raid the who bring up 13 million children and need the tax-andbenefit system to recognise

the cost of families. Ironically, it is the charge repeatedly made against the Thatcher tax reforms. Like the Lib Dem spokeswoman, Liz Lynne MP, Mr Lilley preprove adminstratively difficult and counter-productive. Sally Witcher, director of the Child Poverty Action Group, expressed disappoint-ment over the adoption of a extra resources were what

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# 'Oldest art' alters origins of man Yoga group seeks student high flyers for new seat of learning

# Christopher Zhin In Sydney and Tim Radford

eftwing MPs and activists.

That may come at next month's party conference or

when Mr Brown, the shadow

last night upset theo-ries of human origins with the discovery of rock art which they said was at least twice as old as that in the caves of Lascaux. France. They have identified group of four sculpted boulders dating back 75,000 years in the remote Kimber-ley region of Western Austra-lia. They also claim to have found human artefacts in sediments known to have been

British scientific journal Antiquity in December — could send anthropologists back to the drawing board. One of the scientists, Paul Tacon of the Australian Museum, told the Sydney Morning Herald: "It changes enormously the way we think about Australian pre-history. To suggest that Aborigines have been in Australia for over 100,000 years really does change a lot of things." The site is 50 miles north

small surface alone more than 3,200 engravings were counted.
A stone tool was found in layers possibly dating it up to 176,000 years old. The scientists say it may be the oldest dated rock-art site on Earth. Rock dating is always tricky: the scientists them-selves say their results should be "the beginning, and not the end, of public scrutiny and east of the township of Kununurra at a place known to

boulders, the size of a large doxy which has it that human-lorry, covered with hundreds kind began in Africa. *Homo* and set out to colonise the world 800,000 years ago. Homo 250,000 years ago in Africa and began migrating 150,000 years ago, populating the en-tire Earth.

The Australian Aboriginals

have been known to have settled in Australia about enetic evidence links them firmly with other modern

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hopes the external degrees will be the first step towards becoming a fully fledged uni-

versity in five years' time. London University, which has thousands of external stuand marks its exams but does not guarantee the course. "We can't say anything about their methods of study. It is up to students how they prepare for our exams," a spokes

woman said. The success or otherwise of the students currently being recruited in Europe and the former Soviet Union, as well the Maharishi College of apparent in three years' time.

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Spalls and Portagal:

Early rain over sastern Spain will move away with
sunny spells developing near the south and southeast coast. Portugal and the rest of Spain will be
cool and breaty with sunny periods and southered
showers; the showers heaviest over northern
Portugal and north-west Spain. Max temp 17-23C.

Italy:

Northern Greece may have the odd shower but most of the country (including the islands) will be line and very warm with plenty of sunstane and light breezes. Highs 25-29C.

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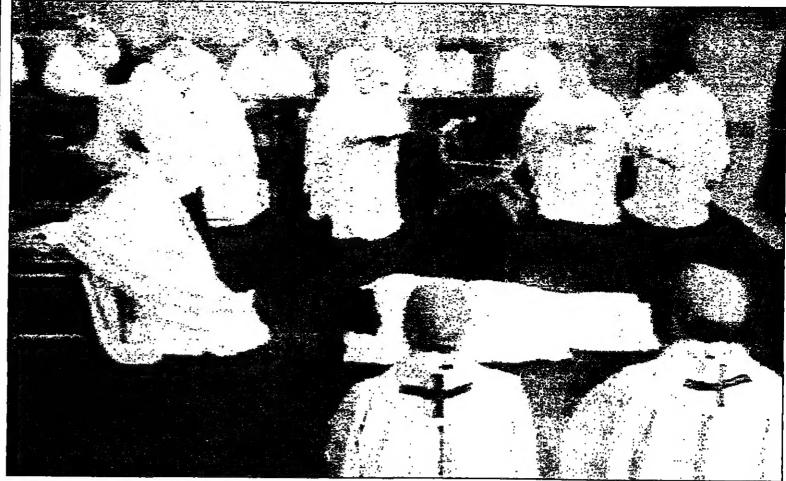
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# These men behave quite despicably. The women usually get dumped !!

What makes priests enter into relationships plagued by doubt? **Madeleine Bunting meets** women at the heart of the matter

AROL has been in a relationship with priest for 25 ears. The Catholic Church knows nothing of it. Nor is it their

"I don't lie, I just don't tell anyone. But it's not second in the same situation, we enjoy what we have when we have it." says Carol Inot her

but the coverage of the case of plete surprise to him. Bishop Wright incensed her, and finally prompted her to

"I know at least half a dozen women who have been in a similar situation. Some of the priests behave very irresponsibly, and they are then backed up by the Church, which puts all the blame on the "scarlet woman". I know one priest who was having affairs with four women at the same time. The Church covers up for these men. It's because of the kind of education they get in seminaries. There are no women around and they don't learn how to relate to women

Carol believes the issue is not about sex but about the men's dishonourable behavjour, and how the Church lets them off the hook.

"These are not scarlet women, they often go to priests for help when they are very vulnerable. These men are abusing them and failing to respect the individual. It's "I know two or three monsi-

gnors in my area who are in relationships. They are bloody good at covering it up Yet they were the first to criticise a priest who left the priesthood because of a relationship with a friend of mine. It's all so hypocritical. "My case is completely dif-ferent. We were both adults and it was only 15-20 years

ago that we began our sexual relationship after a long friendship. He works abroad so we see each other sporadi-cally. I don't want him to

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going to be a cap-in-hand sort

Besides I've seen other

relationships with priests who've left the priesthood which later break up The couple spend holidays together when he is in the country. His family know, and without saying anything. have implicitly accepted the relationship: Some of her

friends know. "He's a very traditional sort of Catholic and his feel-She has never talked pub-licly about her relationship ings for me came as a com-



'didn't want to rock the boat -

we couldn't see the point.
'I would like to speak out because I recognise the rights of women in the Church and I think the all-male hierarchy is very anti-women. But I can't; I would destroy something very special with my friend, and it would put him in an impossible position." In the wake of the extraor-

dinary revelations this week about Bishop Wright's resignation and 15-year-old son by Joanna Whibley, a string of women have come forward to describe their relationships with priests. Few are as

happy as that of Carol.
"There's an enormous difference between those women in an adult, equal relationship and those in an abusive power relationship," said Lala Winkley, of the Catholic Women's Network, who knows of at least 10 women in

relationships with priests. "These men behave quite despicably. They go over the line in comforting women and the women then get doubly hurt. The priest makes promises about leaving the priest-hood, and the women live in hope year after year. They are usually dumped in the end."

It's the connivance of the Church hierarchy in this kind of emotional abuse and irresponsibility towards the women and children which infuriates Seven Eleven, a support group for women having relationships with Catholic priests. When an affair is discovered by the hierarchy, the priest is often moved on to another parish, forcibly separating the could deals with the priest involved ple, and in the new parish he in the affair. Canon Law is goes on to develop a new

"There are hundreds of women in relationships with priests," says Anne Edwards [not her real name] who is herself in a "on-off relationship" with a priest, and who set up Seven Eleven in 1993.

"I have spoken to many women, and some have hor-rendous stories to tell. I only know of one woman who was well supported by her diocese when the relationship became known. In the vast majority of cases, the reaction has been negative and crue! — some women have been ridiculed when they went to their bish-

ops for help."

Many of the relationships of which Ms Edwards hears are "abusive", where the and possible children.
priest is taking advantage of Cne of the first thin the vulnerability of the woman who is often seeking help because of a personal crisis.

"Many priests are com-pletely ill-equipped to deal with women. They might be 40 or 50, but emotionally they're adolescents. I know of kissed by priests when they went to them for help. If doctors or social workers abused their position in this way, there would be recourse to some kind of body and tribu-nal, but there's no channel at all to make these kind of complaints in the Catholic

Despite Cardinal Basil Hume's insistence on Thursday that the Church had a responsibility towards the women and children involved in these illicit relationships. the arrangements for pastoral or financial support vary

enormously. A woman in Birmingham who had a child by a priest, claims he has given £15 a week out of his own income but the diocese has given nothing. Ms Edwards says that many priests are unable or unwilling to provide



money -- 'a priest's salary can

In other cases, particularly with religious orders, considerable efforts are sometimes

exceeds £5.000.

made. One nun involved with a priest was given free hous-ing and an income to ensure that she did not reveal her relationship when her partner was sent abroad.

What is more straightforward is how the Church

clear that a priest who refuses to give up the relationship must be suspended immediately. Many women feel that ultimately the Church is primarily motivated by the desire to hush up any potential

Typically, priests, if they are repentant, will be moved to another parish or even out of the country. But it is unlikely that anyone in their future parish will know of the previous scandal — the Church does not keep a regis-ter of men who have broken

their celibacy vows.

More problematic to the
Church are the priests who decide they want to give up the priesthood and fulfil their responsibilities to the woman

One of the first things Pope Pontiff was to tighten up the procedures for those wanting to be laicised. Now you have virtually to prove you should never have been ordained in the first place; it can take as

long as six years.
"The problem is that if clergy do want to leave, they find the door shut in their faces — they can't," says Michael Walsh, a former priest and Catholic commen-tator. "It was much easier when I was a priest. Now laicisation is very slow and sometimes you can't get it at all. The effect has been to drive it all underground." What has changed mark-

edly in recent years is the res-ponse of parishioners, who are often remarkably generous and non-judgmental of priests in relationships. In abuse scandals, the response of many parishioners is: "Thank God, it's a woman".

It was noticeable early this parishioners and even Church spokesmen were towards Bishop Wright. There was much sympathy for the plight of a man who had fallen in love; there was even muttering from Church sources that Cardinal Thomas Winning had been a little severe on him. All that has changed.

The conclusion is that it is not the breaking of the celi-bacy vow which angers Catho-lics, but the Irresponsibility of a man who can father and then ignore a child for 15 years and the false promises which have clearly caused Joanna Whibley so much suffering.

The historic change which is being curiously assisted by the scandal of individual cases such as that of Bishor Wright is an enormous shift of power within the Catholic Church from the ordained

For 1.500 years, priests have been a caste set apart from the laity, celibacy was the most obvious sign of their superiority. This status enabled the all-male hierarchy to build up power over the masses and exert influence in political and economic

To put it simply, he is exploring the apparent link between sexual and political fascism and the way one echoes, or sometimes even contradicts, the other. Michael Billington on the latest Pinter

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been eroded and priests are suffering from a loss of status. That is partly due to the lack of interest in religion of a secular society and they are no longer looked to as the arbiters of the community. It is partly because they are no has been an aberration, now longer likely to be better edu-we're going back to the begincated than people in their congregations," says Mr

John Challenor, of Catholics for a Changing Church, believes the consequences could be revolutionary. "All these issues of clerical misde-meanours will help destroy

tegrating like an old house and all the rats are running out. It is destroying itself as the scandals show up the need for change. From the 4th to the 20th century, the hierarchical nature of the Church more than the chairperson

believers. The reforms of Vatican Council II in the early sixties Church. Instead of an institution directed by an all-male

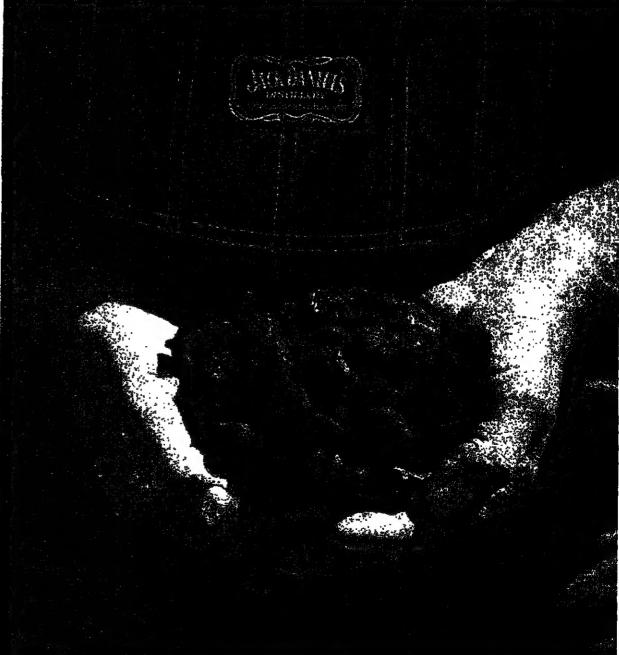
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The traditional reverence for the priest as the fount of as lay people take on more au ning where the priest is no more than the chairperson chosen by the community of There is a difficult transition period when the priest has to fulfill both sets of expecta-tions, and it is clear some priests find their task confus-

ing and difficult. Fr Callaghan said: "People the credibility of the struc- hierarchy of priests, the place priests on pedestals and

violated. But too much is expected of priests; people want them to be both human and superhuman. They must be affable, approachable but also with no evidence of human weakness. Most priests now feel overburdened by the

"The only good thing that this scandal can do is make people rethink their expectations of priests."



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# Peter Hetherington reports on an equine celebration turned sour

# Borders pageant puts town's prejudice on parade

beat: every year hundreds of horsemen gallop around the boundaries of the ancient burgh before parading through its centre to com-memorate a 16th-century victory over marauding Englishmen. But when Mandy Graham

and Ashley Simpson joined the traditional celebration after defeating legal moves to ban them from accompanying the men — all hell broke loose in Hawick.

Supporters and opponents of the women clashed angrily, amid cries of "scum", "tarts" and much worse from those backing male domination of the festivities, known as the

Three months on, cries of "no surrender" fill the air as old personal animosities emerge with a vengeance and traditionalists regroup to defend long-standing con-

The women, along with two other female riders — Gill Dickie and Denise Pairman have responded by lodging a complaint of sexual discrimination with the Equal Opportunities Commission, on the grounds that the Common Riding Committee failed to compromise after an earlier

court ruling. Divisions are widening in the old textile town of 15,000. centre of the Scottish Borders

S AN historical pag-eant it is hard to beat: every year editor, have been warned to leave town or have received threatening letters. Councillors are ostracised, families have been divided, longstanding friendships broker and shops boycotted, as in sults are traded in the street or over garden fences. The

"I cannot believe the hatred and bigotry I have seen in the place where I've grown up," said councillor John Scott, a target of abuse. "It has made me feel sick."

What began as an apparently trivial argument over limited female participation provoked yet more bellig erence this week at a noisy 600-strong meeting behind locked doors in the town hall of a new organisation, the Customs and Traditions

serving the status quo. The anger was palpable as the Guardian attemped to gain admission, by paying a £1 membership fee, before being shown the door. "How did you find out about this?" snarled a woman later, jabbing an accusing finger.

On the steps of the town hall Henry Wear, whose nephew was at the head of this year's celebrations as the Cornet — the principal rider elected by a 30-strong committee - could not hide his disgust. "You're even frightened to talk to your neighbour," he complained. "All this because



has been going on for hun-dreds of years. They've just come out of the woodwork all of a sudden to cause trouble." Later the association pro-

duced a statement accusing the women riders of trying to "crucify" the Cornet by threatening action through the EOC.

But in another town hall room, a small reconciliation committee was meeting in the hope of bringing both sides together. Mandy, aged 21, and Ashley, 23, had entered hur-

stroying something which | ago Ashley, a factory worker, has been going on for hun- | had drinks thrown over her in a pub.

Although Mandy, a textile worker, well remembers a neighbour yelling "scum", what annoys the women's supporters, who have formed their own association under the guidance of former Scottish rugby union international Norman Pender, is that 'lady riders" were allowed to take part earlier this century. But in 1931 after a Miss Murgatroyd broke her leg

when she was thrown from

her horse, men complained

riders", and a committee promptly prohibited them.

Mandy said it has long been her ambition to take part in

the event. Like her friends, she is a skilled horsewoman. "It is our heritage, our history, as much as any man's." she insisted.

A legal attempt to prevent women taking part in one of this year's rides failed — and the town was soon in turmoil — when a sheriff rejected an application for an interdict

that the presence of ladies (injunction) as "wholly lack-"retarded the progress of ing in substance". The Reverend David Burt was so alarmed he wrote to the local provost (mayor) Tom Hogg who chairs the 30-strong Common Riding Committee —

complaining about behaviour.
"I expressed my displeasure about the hatred on display," he said. "It was deplor-able and unacceptable. I said action should be taken

against some.'' He then received threatentown, although the letter I in 50 years - such hatred and passions and pride".

wrote was private. I am angry | bigotry. Some people now do at what has happened." | bigotry. Some people now do not speak to me at all." at what has happened. Bobby McNairn, editor of the Hawick News for 50 years, thought it safer to leave town briefly during this year's cele brations. "I took a holiday because I was being threat

ened," he said. A long-standing supporter of the Common Riding, and a former rider, he said: "We have been called the enemy yet we have been entirely neutral. We have printed leting phone calls and letters, ters from all sides. I have "They told me to get out of never known anything like it

'All this because of two women hell-bent on destroying something that's been going on for hundreds of years' Hawick resident

'I cannot believe the hatred and bigotry in the place where I've grown up. It has made me feel sick' Clir John Scott

'It is our heritage, our history. as much as any man's' Mandy Graham

'I was being threatened' Journalist -

In an attempt to cool tem-pers both sides can see merit in a local referendum on the acceptability of women riders in future.

"But it is going to take a long time to heal the wounds," Mr Scott said.
Mr Hogg declined to comment in detail because of the "delicacy" of negotiations be tween the Common Riding Committee and a new Lady Riders' Association. But he

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# A little radiation 'is good for you'

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AILY doses of radiation are good for people and one day they might be required to promote health, an executive responsible for ealth and safety with British Nuclear Fuels has claimed. John Graham, vice-president of BNFL's US subsidiary.

was disowned by the com-pany, who said his views did not accord with its policy.

Mr Graham gave a paper on the benefits of radiation to the Uranium Institute's annual meeting in London where he

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to cancer should be given radiation throughout their

There was reasonable-to-good evidence that low-level radiation was beneficial. Studies on rats in Japan had shown that animals which received periodic doses of low-level radiation and were then exposed to a high dose were less susceptible to cancers than those who had not received low-level doses. Human beings, like all ani-

responses. Subject to regular low-level stress, the body

His remarks were reported in Professional Engineering. alongside comments from Morris Rosen, adviser on en-vironmental affairs to the International Atomic Energy Agency in Vienna who said that evacuating so many people from the area around Chernobyl was an over-reaction. It had caused a deterio-ration in their quality of life. He added that the radiation

levels that people were allowed to receive from nu-clear installations were far too stringent and should be His remarks are part of a

debate in the industry about acceptable risks and fixing maximum doses for workers. A BNFL spokesman said Mr Graham had made it clear when delivering his paper that he was speaking in a per-sonal capacity as immediate past-president of the Ameri-

ceptible to massive stress. can Nuclear Society and not Similarly the body could for the company. "We disassociate ourselves from his remarks. We stick to the rules laid down by the National Radiological Protection

The board's view is that all radiation is potentially a cause of cancer, however mall the dose. "There is no threshold dose

below which the risk of zero," said Professor Roger Clarke, the chairman of the board which is the Government's official watchdog on human exposure to radiation. The Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament said Mr Graham's statement was astonishing. A spokesman, Eddie Gonclaves, said: "This sounds like the ravings of a crackpot. John Graham should say this to the relatives of the known victims of the nuclear age, including the children of Chernobyl and nuclear test veterans."

# Aggressive TV interviewers 'are moral delinquents'

Martin Walnwright

OUTINELY aggressive television interviewing was condemned as a danger to democracy yesterday by one of Britain's senior moral

Baroness Warnock, former mistress of Girton College, Cambridge, and a specialist in ethics, described the indis-criminate use of "hectoring and bullying" as a betrayal of the subtle and effective use of courteous dialogue to expose

She referred to the "moral delinquency" of TV inter-viewers who adopted a standard tone when questioning anyone entrusted with power. Her comments follow renewed protests from politicians about alleged rough treatment by broadcasters.
"The tone is best described as a self-satisfaction on the part of the interviewer," she told a media ethics conference at leads University. "An actividad Leeds University. "An attitude of: 'Anyone can see through this charlatan but only I have the guts to expose him.'"

Whether the subject was

clever and subtle or a fool and

a knave, the approach was

simply "this is the proper way to treat people who exercise power". The result played into the hands of the actual "fraud-sters and charlatans", Lady Warnock said, because they were not tested by skilful use of polite but thorough inquiry. She said: "The technique is

the very opposite of this, miles away from the purpose of an effective interview. or resort to platitudes if they feel they are being bullied." The heavy-handed hunt to "expose, humiliate and belit-tle" not only sabotaged effective and welcome criti-

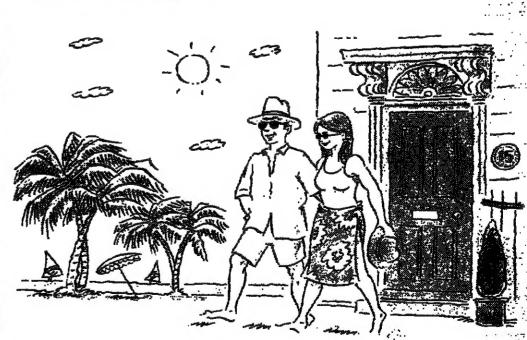
cism of politicians, but also

had an insidious effect on the

Lady Warnock said.
"Democracy is endangered if no politician is seen as having any concern for the common good. People naturally begin to ask: Why vote for them? Why trust any of them?" she said. "People are liable if they

are cynics to become genu-inely ungovernable. We cer-tainly do not want to go back to the old-fashioned deferen-tial style of interview, but the pendulum has swung too far the other way.

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HE Bulgarian foreign ministry suggested yesterday that the country's ambassador to the United Nations should resign after he accused his government of deliberately plunging the country into economic crists "to enslave mil-lions of Bulgarian citizens". Slavi Pashovski denounced the government led by Zhan Videnov, a former Commu-

on Thursday. The virulent onslaught was timed for maximum effect just as world leaders began arriving this weekend for the 51st session of the UN General

nist, at a news conference at

the UN and in an open letter

Assembly.
"Common practice is for a state official, especially a diplomat, to relinquish his office with dignity when he disagrees with the politics of his government," the foreign ministry said in a statement in Sofia.

'The ghost of communism is looming over Bulgaria'

"His conduct is worthy of pity, and is another attempt to discredit Bulgaria before the international community." The government has diested Mr Pashovski of his ambassadorial powers, but

it has not been able to revoke his UN accreditation without approval from President Zhe-lyu Zhelev, a founder of the anti-communist opposition. Instead, for the second year running, the government has humiliated Mr Pashovski by

Mr Pashovski was left out of the Bulagarian delegation last year, even though he was on the UN's 50th anniversary

excluding him from its offi-cial delegation to the General

Mr Pashovski said he saw no other means of fulfilling his duty as ambassador and citizen than to speak out pub-licly against the former Communists making a comeback in Bulgaria. Two years ago they won a solid majority in parliament.

is looming over Bulgaria which means also over the claimed.

Balkans and over Europe, Mr Pashovski warned.

The ambassador also hinter reverting to its cold

In a notorious incident, Bulgarian agents killed a dis-sident working at the BBC World Service in London in 1978 with a poisoned umbrella.

this matter and put an end to the infamy of the Bulgarian umbrella' once and for all,' Mr Pashovski said.

In his open letter to the prime minister, Mr Videnov, and the foreign minister, Georgi Pirinski, he accused Mr Videnov and his government — elected in January 1995 — of trying to monopolise power by sidelining the constitution and usurping

gerheads with President Zhe lev, who is fighting a rear guard action to prevent the country from reverting to its old communist ways. He also continues to endorse the UN ambassador in his post.

Bulgaria is suffering an economic crisis, in which the monthly inflation rate has soared above 20 per cent, and the national currency has plummet. While most economists attribute the country's woes to mismanagement. Mr Pashovski said economic failures were not accidental.

They were, he argued, "a premeditated plot to make certain people richer and to enslave millions of Bulgarian He told Mr Videnov: "Many

people were fooled by your youthfulness, regarding it as guarantee of the change from your communist nature to your proclaimed new socialist name. Once again, we had to discover that a pame does not a man make but it is rather the man that makes the name.

Because of its irresponsible economic policy, Mr Pa-shovski said, Bulgaria lagged behind other former Warsaw Pact countries, including Hungary, the Czech Republic

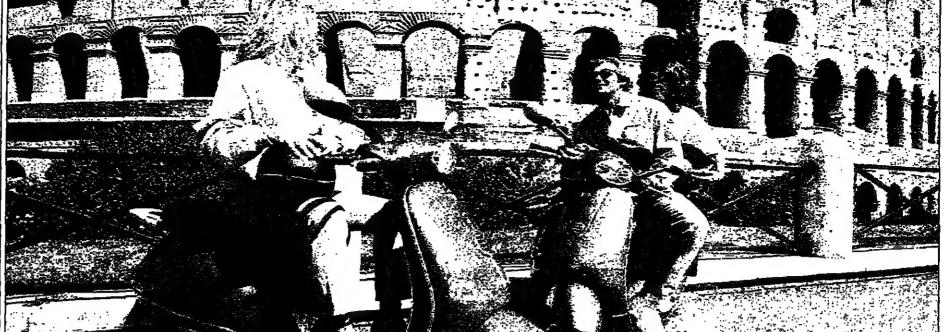
prime minister Fillip Dimi-

that his government was cloak-and-dagger tactics against dissidents. He related a "strange accident" last year when he said New York police confirmed that connectors to his car steering wheel had been deliberately severed.

"Let us start a dialogue on

foreign policy. Mr Videnov has been at log

Minimal democratic reforms introduced by the former



Italians pose in front of the Colosseum in Rome on the new Piaggio Vespa. The Vespa, the much-loved motor scooter which did for transport in post-war Italy car did for the United States, celebrated its 50th birthday yesterday with sleeker contours but some retro features reintroduced.

## Convicted Italian terrorist decides to hit the books

John Hooper in Rome

BRITISH teachers with problem children in their care should take heart from the predicament facing an Italian headmaster. Cesare Quarenghi of the Lussana school in Ber-gamo, has in his charge a

pupil who is a convicted terrorist awaiting trial for masterminding a jail Since school started last week, Antonio Tucciarello.

aged 38, has been turning classmates more than 20 years his junior. With apparently nothing in Italian law to prevent him, Tucciarello, a former member of the Prima Linea

(Front Line) urban guer-

equivalent of A-levels Other pupils seem uncon cerned, but some parents are worried, and one has al-ready said he plans to remove his son from the school.

This reaction is, perhaps. understandable. In the early 1980s, Tucciarello was sentenced to six years for terrorist activities. While in prison, he was tried and acquitted of the murder of a fellow-inmate. Last year he fell foul of

the law once again when he was arrested and charged with helping Felice Maniero, a gangster from the Venice area, to escape from

Now he wants to make a fresh start. "Let us hope no one prevents him from continuing

his Maturita. the Italian | lawyer, Umberto Iorio.

Alex Duval Smith in Sainte Anno-d'Auray

AMILY values — but not those of the Roman Catholic clergy — were at the centre of the Pope's message yesterday in an area which first heard of Christ 1,400 years ago from married priests and women deacons.

But such historical detail was of little interest to the 120,000-strong crowd, including 8,000 parents and children invited to this south Brittany shrine to highlight the day's

but then the local newspaper, Ouest-France, had devoted only four lines to reporting the Pope's acceptance of the resignation of the Bishop of

evoke such minutiae of as celibacy when the Pope, aged 76, has appendicitis. "We have prayed for his safe arrival in France. We were so afraid he would cancel," José said.

a misty field beneath a gigantic deserted podium.

Long before the papal heli-

their feet feeling like icicles after four hours of standing in

copter was sighted at about 10am, nature had provided a stunning curtain-raiser: as pilgrims filled the field, the sunrise behind the 19th-century basilica cleared the mist.

ute homily in French, called on the faithful to combat a When the Popemobile drove "developing climate of indif-through, the pilgrims waved ference and individualism".

theme — "Young families".

Nor had anyone heard of the Rt Rev Roderick Wright, scarves — orange, yellow, land praised Brittany's "solid blue or white depending on their diocese — as an organ Christian tradition". Sainte Anne-d'Auray, a

Nowhere else in France would children get the day off school for a papal visit

Pope embraces even divorcees

augmented by Breton bag, town of 1,500 people, was the pipes played a French hymn.

Twelve bishops and 1,200 apparitions by Anne, the priests took their places for a mother of the Virgin Mary. José and Chantal Grevin two-and-a-half-hour mass, felt it would be churlish to during which the Pope said a prayer in Breton and delivered the Creed in Latin.
The crowd was mostly

white and clean-cut. Free bottles of water from Aix-les-Bains were handed out by

of secular practice to give

children the day off school for

a papal visit. But Brittany — opposed to centralism — has

Catholic private schools.

high number of Roman

The Pope, who looked weak

as he slowly read his 25-min

But the southern coast of Brittany owes its devout tradition to Welsh monks, who intro duced Christianity in the fifth and sixth centuries. They apparently thought

nothing of recruiting married priests and women deacons — Nor did they want to dwell Scouts and Guides. topics the Pope, wearing a on its being only 7am and Elsewhere in France it stole featuring Celtic crosses,

an operation on October 6, he said: "Married life is founded above all on a definite commitment and giving, which pass through fidelity. In mar-ried life, the physical rela-tions are the sign and expression of the communion between persons

last appearance abroad before

would be considered a breach | did not address. Making his

He condemned abortion, saying: "You are invited to show the world the beauty of fatherhood and motherhood. Every conceived human being has the right to exist. because the life which is given does not belong to those who have given birth to it."

He added that the Church was "also concerned with those who are separated, divorced, and divorced and remarried; they remain mem-bers of the Christian

Chantal de Gesincourt was scornful of critics who claim French taxpayers should not fund the Pope's visit because the country is constitutionally secular.

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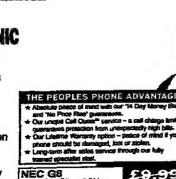
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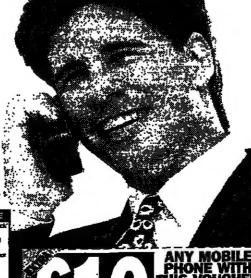
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# World news in brief

## **Bosnian Muslim election** turnout 'over 100pc'

AN INDEPENDENT pres-sure group monitoring Bosnia's elections said yesterday the turnout for last Satur day's poll had been suspi-ciously high, writes Julian borger in Sarajevo. It was over 100 per cent in the case of the Muslim vote, raising the possibility of large-scale

fraud. According to provisional official figures, a total of 2,319,686 Bosnians voted on Saturday out of an estimated electorate of 29 million.

But the Washington-based International Crisis Group (ICG) said that once the figures were adjusted for spoiled ballots and refugees who were eligible but did not vote. the "alarming" adjusted turnout among Serbs was 98.5 per cent, and among Muslims 103.1 per cent. Meanwhile, Four Croats

American computer firm IBM announced it will extend full

medical benefits to the part-

ners of homosexual staff,

\$5,000 (£3,000) in cash to needy

\$10 billion-a-year oil revenues

writes Ian Katz in New York.

Cash bonanza

aged 17-19 were jailed but not charged in Split yesterday over the beating to death of a British soldier, Private Simon Jeans, on September 7

## Guatemalan peace accord

Guatemalan guerrilla leaders shook hands with army offi-cers after signing a military agreement aimed at ending Central America's last and longest war.

The accord signed in Mex ico on Thursday calls for cut-ting Guatemala's 43,500 troops and its defence spend-ing by a third next year and eliminating elite counter-in-surgency units. — AP.

#### Gunmen to die An Ethiopian court sentenced

three Egyptians to death yes-terday for attempting to kill Egypt's President Hosni Mubarak last year. - Reuter.

Gay rights at IBM

#### Election victory Estonia's President Lennart Meri was re-elected yesterday after five rounds of voting in the Baltic state. - Reuter.

with citizens. — AP.

A monkey mauled and killed a zookeeper who was fixing loose railings on its cage in the eastern indian city of Cal-Gay rights campaigners cutta, the Press Trust of India claimed a victory when the said yesterday. — Reuter.

Monkey business

# Diary 'admits Unabombing'

HEODORE KACZYNSKI Mr Kaczynski had written: "I mailed that bomb. I sent that admits responsibility for 16 of bomb." the bombings attributed to the shadowy, anti-technology terrorist known as the Unabomber, prosecutors said yesterday.

The assistant United States attorney, Robert Cleary, told a pre-trial hearing that the prosecution evidence consists of a 12in stack of documents,

He said the prosecution had forensic evidence connecting the materials used in the bombings to Mr Kaczynski.

Mr Kaczynski was arrested after a 17-year manhunt that captured the imagination of the American public, especially after newspapers published a rambling manifesto including the journal. He said | from the bomber. - AP.

# Elections limp in Byron's footsteps

Voters would rather talk about their revolutionary

poet-hero, writes **Helena Smith** in Messolongi

REECE was about to hold a general election, but in Messolongi, the former socialist stronghold, you would not know it. You would not know it when you entered the western town where Lord Byron died in the War of Greek Independence. And you would not know it when you left.

The bunting and posters Libya has started handing out politicans and rallies families as part of a promise essential to Greek elections in the past, are not here. And, like the rest of rural Greece, that is exactly how the inhab-itants of Messolongi want it to by Col Muammar Gadafy to share the country's

> "These elections are waste of time and a waste of money," said Athina Davalou, a first-time voter seated in the Byron Cafe.
> "The problem with politi-

cians is that they only ever remember us on the eve of an election. Frankly, I'd rather talk about your great poet. Now he was a real revolutionary.

In 1824, Lord Byron died leading the Greek armed forces against the Turks. His statue, tall, white and gleaming, stands on the spot where his lungs and heart are buried and has pride of place in the town's Park of Heroes. Many of the locals bear his

However, for the first time

ever in the run-up to the Greek elections tomorrow, pollsters say they are unable to predict a winner, even though the prime minister, Costas Stmitis, called the vote

| lenic Socialist Movement (Pasok) and the opposition New Democrats — the two parties which have dominated Greek politics for the past 20 years
— is now believed to have

dropped by 30 percent. In contrast, an array of smaller, left-wing parties have risen in popularity, pushing the two main contenders into a neck and neck race.
"We are, for the first time, trying to stage a European style election," says the vet-eran socialist and former Pasok MP Christos Basoviannis. "After the death of Andreas

Papandreou, our late prime minister we entered a new political era. What you are seeing is the result of that."

But in the impoverished villages and hamlets outside Messolongi, where running water and telecommunications are still considered a luxury, many would beg to differ. In Strongolovouni, a community of tobacco grow-

ers and sheep farmers, visiting party candidates are made to feel so unwelcome that they don't stop for long.

In another village further north, locals said they would not accept them at all until they are connected to the outside world with the road campaigning politicians have

long promised them. Last week, seven such communities took the unprece-dented step of announcing they would abstain from the election altogether. As voting is mandatory under Greek law, the protestors have already been warned of the perils of failing to cast their

"We know we risk imprisonment but we want to protest what politicians have done to us and that is to close our school," sighed Elias Kosovas, Strongolovouni's president. "Villages like ours are simply forgotten. Why vote for people who make you feel abandoned? We're not angry, confident of an easy win.

The lassitude is such that support for the ruling Panhel-country is run."

we're just very, very disappointed with the way our country is run."

# Pact with Saddam warms Kurdish hearts and homes

But, writes David Hirst in Irbil, the victor of the civil war still wants protection from the West

OR five years the people of "liberated" Kurdistan have been getting their petrol from the tins and makeshift containers of roadside bawkers, who smuggled it in from territory controlled by President Saddam Hussein of Iraq. But this week huge queues formed outside reopened pet-

rol stations. There, the petrol sells for 1 per cent of its previ-ous top price, and kerosene, used for domestic heating, is down from about 650 dinars a barrel (about 30 pence at market rates) to 10.

As a reward to the "sincere repentant" Kurds, led by Mas-soud Barzani and his Kurdish Democratic Party (KDP) who recently enlisted Bagh-dad's help against rival Kurd-ish "traitors" led by Jalal Ta-labani and backed by Iran — President Saddam lifted his blockade of the north. Dirtcheap fuel is the first, dra-

matic consequence.
Baghdad's al-Thawrah newspaper sent reporters to Irbil to record the delight of the populace, now ostensibly returning to the Iraqi fold, and their gratitude to the Victor-by-the-Grace-of-God — President Saddam's new title whose magnanimity made

Al Thawrah exaggerated. The Kurds were pleased, of course, especially the poor who shivered through last winter. They were even more pleased by the rebuff for President Saddam that

This was the meeting which Mr Barzani, the emergent "strongman" of Western-protected Kurdistan, held this week in Ankara with Robert Pelletreau, the United States assistant secretary of state for the Near East. It really began to look as if Mr Barzani's gamble, his "temporary alli-ance" with President Saddam, was paying off.

People thought they would get the best of both worlds: new economic ties with Baghdad, and the continuation — even strengthening — of

Americans cannot afford to abandon the Kurds, however angry they may be with a leader who turned to Presi-

Mr Barzani went to Ankara proposing a simple quid pro quo: what he calls "genuine" Western protection in return for a commitment to strike no "political" deal with Presi-dent Saddam. "Genuine" protection means a more con-vincing defence than he reckons the Kurds have received so far, and one that is proof against their other tormenters — Turkey and above all Iran. The failure to furnish all-embracing protection, he said, contributed to the Kurdish civil war, which in turn endangered the US's whole "containment" of Pres-

ident Saddam. KDP officials say it is doubtful whether the US can ever furnish the degree of Western protection they de-sire. So the Kurds' commitment to US interests can only be as strong as they consider the US's commitment is to

their interests. They would, they say, give their maximum commitment if the West supported their goal of complete independence. This is an unrealistic goal, and Mr Barzani has never encouraged his people

to think otherwise.

The cost of caution has been high. The Kurds have enjoyed effective self-rule for five years, yet, juridically, they remain part of Iraq. So the world, led by the US, im-poses on them the same sanctions as on Saddam-controlled

Iraq.
This has gravely impeded
Kurdish economic development, exacerbated internal political tensions, and militated against the growth of coherent governing institutions

 because they would smack of the eventual statehood which the American ally Turkey, and others, cannot

If the Kurds, in their provi-sional "safe haven", have no clear legal or political status now, they do not have a guaranteed place in any post-Sad-dam Iraq either. Mr Barzani, haunted by past betrayals, also has personal misgivings about the reliability of the US.

In spite of these doubts and resentments about US policy, Mr Barzani came away from Ankara much reassured. "We understood each other," said one of his negotiating team, "and before long you will be seeing a KDP delegation in Washington."

The US, he said, had suffered a suffe

fered a salutary shock and thus chastened, it would seek Western protection.

It was always a vital part of Mr Barzani's gamble that the dawned on them," he said. "that they need us almost as much we need them.

If he is right, and the US does perpetuate or strengthen dent Saddam to defeat his ad- its protection, it will not be

versary in a Kurdish civil just for love of the Kurds. KDP officials have no illu-

sions about that. To be sure, the "safe haven" originally came into being for their sake, but with the passage of time it has become an essential element of the "containment" strategy whose main objective is to safeguard Western interests in the Gulf.

KDP officials believe that

the US cannot let President Saddam come back to the north by stealth, even with their own connivance - because that would mean a gradual accretion of his power, leading to his eventual rehabilitation. Nor can America let him back by brute force — that would lead to an-other Kurdish exodus.

Another factor in the new Kurdish-Western relationship taking shape is that the Kurds now have much more to con-tribute than in their years of internal feuding. Or at least they will have if Mr Barzani makes a success of the opportunities that await him as the sole, uncontested leader of his people.

protecting an entity which is much better able to protect itself and make itself less vul-nerable to the interference of regional powers to which Kurdish disunity inevitably

Mr Barzani has promised to turn his bizarre, precarious little realm into a "citadel of democracy and pluralism", to give parliament authority over the executive and build a non-partisan administration. t important, perhaps, he will dissolve the competing peshmerga militias, including his own, and replace them with a regular conscript

Such promises have been heard before, but the Barzani-Talabani conflict obliterated them. Now that Mr Barzani has resolved it in his favour, it remains to be seen whether he keeps his promises, or turns his inheritance into an other one-party system. This would eventually beget the same kind of hostilities that he has just ended.



Alive rounds during training in the Kuwaiti desert near the Iraqi border

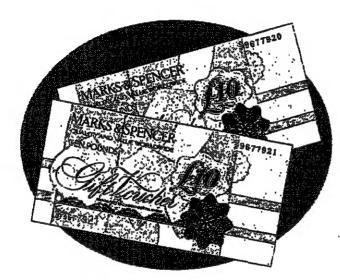
The Speaker of the House, Newt Gingrich, attacked President Clinton's handling of the Iraqi crisis.
urites Martin Walker in

Washington. "This is an enormous defeat for the United States ... that will reverberate for a genera-

Americans "strongly sup port" the president's a

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# Bokassa in hospital with brain tumour



Marc Koffi in Abidjan

JEAN-BEDEL BOKASSA, the former self-styled emperor of the Central African Republic, is seri-ously ill and may need surgery to remove a brain tumour doctors said

Mr Bokassa, aged 75 (above), has been flown to the Ivory Coast city of Abidjan, for treatment. Mr Bokassa seized power

in the Central African Republic in 1966, later crowning himself emperor. He was ousted in a French-backed coup in 1979. On his return from exile in 1986, he was tried and sentenced to death for murder and embezzlement. The sentence was later reduced to 10 years in prison.

Released in 1993, Mr Bo-kassa was banned for life from standing in elections. In July he asked for an am-nesty so that he could stand as a presidential candidate in elections planned for

## No EU Ioan for S Africa steel plant

Julie Wolf in Brussels

SOUTH AFRICAN relations with the European Union were dealt a blow yesterday when the European Commission came out against a £48 million loan to help build a steel plant near Cape Town. The decision reflected concern that the project would

boost world steel capacity when Europe's own steel industry is struggling , EU sources said. The European Investment Bank (EIB), which has up to £240 million to lend to South Africa in 1995-96, could still overrule the commission, but this would be politically difficult. The EU's commissioner for

development, Joao de Deus Pinheiro, argued that refus-ing the loan would be at odds with the EU's policy of pro-moting the economic development of South Africa. Others contended that the loan would be inconsistent with the EU's policy of refus-ing state subsidies to the steel

sector unless they are matched by cuts in output capacity and jobs.

Moreover, steel produced at the new plant would mainly be for export, which could push down already low world prices and further undermine the EU's steel industry. At the centre of the commission's decentre of the commission's de-cision appears to be the view that South Africa does not qualify as a developing country and should therefore

abide by rules on state subsi-dies and competition similar to those in the EU.

Mr Pinheiro's supporters also fear that the decision will be seen as a slap in the face for the government of Presi-dent Nelson Mandela.

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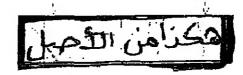
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# Crisis of belief

N 1948, as the Cold War was intensifying, Doug-las Hyde, who has died aged 85, resigned from aged 85, resigned from the Communist Party of Great Britain and as news editor of the Daily Worker. and announced his alignment with the Roman Catholic

thurch. His departure was acrimoions, its aftermath longlasting and his 1951 bestseller I Believed became a key weapon in the ideological Cold War. For Rajani Palme Dutt, the CPGB's chief theorist, Hyde had been a police spy all along, and his petit bourgeois origins provided an explanation for his

Yet I Believed named no names, and was certainly no manifesto for capitalism or "the western way of life". It also expressed a genuine respect for rank and file party members. Soon after his break from the party he em-barked on an American tour. It was assumed that he would be honoured by an invitation to the red-baiting Senator Joe McCarthy's wedding — Hyde turned down the offer and pointedly distanced himself from American anti-

Hyde's background was non-conformist, primitive Methodist and, as he himself described it, petit bourgeois. An early memory was the stream of returning mutilated First World War wounded. another was the discovery of the body of a miner hanging from a tree — someone who committed suicide after

receiving his call-up papers. He would attend "Spouters' Corner" meetings on the Bristol Downs, and after hearing the Communist Wal Hannington speak on the executed American anarchists Sacco and Vanzetti, he joined the International Class War Prisoners' Association in 1927, much to the consternation of his Bristolian Liberal father.

"By the time I joined ICWPA," Hyde wrote in I Believed, "Christ stood for me
eternally, whip in hand in the
Temple, turning out the
money changers in a magnificent mood of fiery indignation." At the age of 17, he
joined the CPGB.

Looking for work as a dec.

Bombers. Thus did he progress to the Daily Worker.
Since staff members were
being called up, he was
swiftly given editorial responsublities. He himself was exempted because of poor
health — or more likely because he was a known agitalooking for work as a dec.

Looking for work as a den-tal technician, Douglas left Bristol for north Wales in 1930 and found himself the only party member between Chester and Holyhead. The next few years were ones of frenetic political activity. At first he worked within the Independent Labour Party imposed in January 1941, was 1941, was 1942, but imposed in January 1941, was 1944, w

health — or more likely be-cause he was a known agita-tor. He became news editor when the ban on the paper, imposed in January 1941, was lifted in September 1942. Dur-

Christ stood for me eternally, whip in hand in the Temple, turning out the money changers in a magnificent mood of fiery indignation'

groups. During the Spanish Civil War he launched the Spanish Medical Aid Ambulance Fund, and managed to enrol Megan Lloyd George as its president. Looking back this was one of the most satis-fying periods of his life — political work with noble ends, inspired by socialist

After eight years, Douglas Hyde moved to the London area, where, following party instructions, he joined the Woking Labour Party, se cretly recruiting many of its members to the CPGB. He then staged a collective pullout - announcing the formation of a new party branch. He also developed his journal-istic skills and edited one particular, ostensibly Labour newspaper called the Atom in which he managed, through the good offices of Rex Warner, to publish, for the first time, Cecil Day Lewis's

and then slowly established lished. By then Hyde was CPGB branches and later or giving hundreds of Marxist ganised Left Book Club classes, and was the London party's "tutor of the year" in 1940. By the time of his break he was tutor to the CP's musicians' group, largely drawn from big bands, like that of

> But his disillusionment was growing. The situation in eastern Europe crystalised for him with Ludwig Freund's execution. Freund was a friend and wartime Daily Worker staffer, and had become Czechoslovakia's economy Hyde was drawn to Catholi-

> ism and was inducted into the Church while continuing at the Daily Worker. Then he was seen by a party member coming out of a London church after receiving mass. His resignation, and the political and media blizzard,

Hyde's Catholicism focused on the third world. So, in between writing and lectur-

years — in Asian jails him-self, nearly losing his life after a spell in the infamous tiger cages of Con Son Island. Catholicism, he believed, should be on the side of the yet over a number of years he found himself increasingly alienated from the Catholic

Church, with what he saw as the failure of Vatican II to live up to hopes and legitimate expectations, and with the enthronement of the current Pope. So he returned to an earlier political life. "The Communism of Stalin's days which had become unacceptable to me was now no longer part of the picture," he wrote in 1992, "and to identify those elements of Marxism which retained their validity for me clung, and cling, to my historical materialism as the only thing that made sense of history and have continued over the years also to believe that the CP produced the best people I have ever known. As an expression of his

underlying philosophy Doug-las noted down with approval last year a quote from Levi-Strauss: "Nothing is settled; everything can still be al-tered. What was done but turned out wrong can be done again. The Golden Age, which blind superstition had placed behind (or ahead of) us is it

He is survived by three sons and a daughter.

Solly Kaye writes: I first met Douglas Hyde when he was news editor of the Daily Worker, and I was in charge of Communist Party propa-



Douglas Hyde . . . 'Nothing is settled; everything can still be altered'

when Douglas walked out of his Dally Worker job, joined the Catholic Church, and published *I Believed*.

Of course his defection was applauded by our opponents, but Douglas pursued his own agenda. Not for him ritual and dogma, he became deeply involved in liberation theol-ogy, retained his love for and belief in the common and

thunderbolt for the party and, towards his old comrades, there was no bitterness: he remained a warm friend to many.

In spite of his increasingly bad health, he would be seen on the demonstrations and at meetings against racism, for nuclear disarmament, against the Vietnam war, in fair weather and foul. And always in the company of his close friend Rosemary Logan, who

opening up new areas, such

as ombudsmen and consumer

dimension grew large enough

to justify a separate European Companion. There is also a

Vacher's Biographical Guide, with succinct factual profiles

tenderly cared for him in his last years. I last saw him and Rosemary in 1996 at a meeting to commemorate the 60th Blackshirts at Cable Street. East London.

He was in high spirits. He still had a great deal to give. Douglas Hyde, socialist and

## Niccolo Castiglioni

# **Variety** in tonal talent

ICCOLO Castiglioni, who has died of a stroke at the age of 64. was a composer brought up. like many of his generation, in the paths of neo-classical rectitude, working with Giorgio Ghedini at the Milan conservatory and with Boris Blacher during two years of

But Castiglioni was one of

those adventurous spirits who, from the mid-1950s on. explored a new aesthetic and new methods of composition schools. Indeed it was through his attractive and fastidious use of the Darmstadt idiom that he first made his mark — particularly in Cymel for flute and plano. frequently played by Severino Gazzelloni, and by a radio opera Attraverso lo specchio, based on Lewis Carroll's Alice

But if contemporaries like Berio or Donatoni continued Darmstadt in their own way, Castiglioni was the first of his and find them wanting. From the mid-1960s, when he began to teach in the United States, | ber 7, 1996

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1980s, he has produced a regular flow of compositions. hased on an idiosyncratic synthesis between the compositional discipline of Webern, which he had come to regard as central during his Darmstadt years, and the resources of tonality, and gravitating towards religious texts. One of the most accessible of these, because available on record, is his setting for choir, soloists and orchestra, of Psalm XIX.

By nature reclusive, Castiglioni evaded the demands of publishers and publicists altke by disappearing into the mountains for weeks at a time. In consequence, much of his recent work has not received the attention in this country that it might deserve. bemused eclecticism should however, ensure that music historians anxious to tidy post-war music into a few neat patterns, will find it no easy task to assign a niche to

David Osmond-Smith

Niccolo Castiglioni, composer, born July 17, 1932; died Septen

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#### **Hilary Preston**

# A guide round the Houses

reference books. One is Dod: Dod's Parliamentary Com-panion (founded 1832), which has biographical notes on members, mostly with pictures, election results and a glossary of parliamentary terms and proceedings. Though it wasn't always, it's now a hulking work, running to over 1,000 pages and too big to fit in any known pocket. The other reference book -

the two are complementary

rather than competitive, and nowadays are co-owned - is Vacher's: Vacher's Parliamentary Companion, also dat-ing from 1882, the year of the first successful Reform Bill. Though running to more than 400 pages, it is eminently pocketable, measuring a mere six inches by four. But it crams a wast amount of essential small print into its little space. Vacher's, pub-lished quarterly, will tell you, for instance, the full name of the Earl of Shrewsbury and Waterford (Charles Henry John Benedict Crofton Chetwynd Chetwynd-Talbot)

and the name of the head cleaner in the Commons library (Mrs Gibbons).

of Derbyshire (John Bather) and Our Man in Burkina Faso (it's a woman: Margaret Roth-

well). It tells you the people who



It will give you an up-to-date listing for the Depart- Complementary companion . . . Hilary Preston, full of fun 1986

panion. What you see today is largely her work. In a sense, the job ran in her blood. She was only the fifth in her chair, and like all but one of run our nationalised indus- her predecessors, she came

of both Houses Miss Preston. remained consulting editor after she left her editorial chair in 1993, divided her time between London and a house she designed herself at Uckfield in Sussex, speeding between them in sports cars. Her passions, her work and Parliament apart, were the theatre (especially the Players' Theatre under the arches at Charing Cross), travel, her dogs and her garden. The Companion's austere appearance, and its equally austere insistence on getting things right, may have suggested pedantry, but she by all ac-counts was thoroughly com-panionable: full of fun, say former colleagues, and full of

David McKie

Hilary Preston, editor, born May 16, 1908; died September 15,

#### Oscar Moore

A reader writes: In their natural shock and grief at the death from Aids of their only son, Oscar (obituary, September 17), Michael and Elisabeth Moore have been less than

am the mother of a gay, HIV positive man. He is a little younger than Oscar and still drinks too much and plays the field.

Nevertheless, like your other correspondents. I feel that with Oscar's death I have lost a courageous, brilliant and funny friend whom I shall miss very much. (Name and address withheld at the writer's request).

Patricia Zich writes: Two years ago my son died of an Aids-related illness. How strange it may sound to write that Oscar Moore brought such joy into my life and helped ease the ever-present and ever-continuing grief. We shared so many experiences. He was a remarkable man. He wrote with honesty, humour and from the heart. The void that he leaves is so vast — and not just in the pages of the newspaper — but in the hearts of all those who knew and loved him. I never met him. I am one of those who loved him. How desperately shall miss him.

See Oscar Moore: Rites of tatality, Guardian Weekend

from Italy and the Axis were disrupting the allied west-east route from Gibraltar to Malta and Egypt. At the end of March the Germans requested an attack on the

British supply-line to Greece. The Luftwaffe was to cover a sweep by the bulk of the Italian fleet, led by the battleship

cruisers and 13 destroyers.

The Bletchley Park decoding centre broke into Axis signals, enabling the British to deploy a superior force south-east of Sicily to lie in wait. The Italian Admiral lachino abandoned the thrust at the Aegean when German aircover failed to appear. British aircraft located him, and running fights between opposed cruisers and Italian and Britisb aircraft ensued. As the Italians made for Taranto, ob-solete Swordfish bi-plane torpedo-bombers from the RN's Crete-based 815 Squadron joined carrier-based aircraft in attacking the Italian flag-ship and the escorting heavy cruiser Pola.

Winter, flying as observernavigator for Lieutenant Torrens-Spence, sighted the cruiser and their Swordfish launched its only torpedo amid a storm of flak. The Italian ship was left dead in the water. It was Iachino's attempt to rescue her that brought British battleships down on the Italian cruisers, of which three were sunk with two destroyers. British damage was minimal. Winter was awarded the DSC.

Winter joined the RN Vol-unteer Reserve as a midshipman in 1939. Qualifying as an observer in 1940, he flew with anti-submarine patrols over Scapa Flow before moving to a carrier squadron in 1940. He was posted to North Africa and in March 1941 his squadron moved to Greece and

In summer 1941, Winter and his colleagues, now based in Cyprus, were involved in the struggle to topple the Vichy French regime in Syria and to prevent the Germans taking their torpedo, but the other shot down their Swordfish and took them prisoner. They were picked up, but were the handed over to the Italians, in contravention of the Geneva

convention. This prompted Churchill to French General Dentz and his staff as hostages for the return of 50 British officers held in similarly illegal circumstances. The exchange took place at the end of the year and Winter was retrained in signals and fighter-control before serving for most of the latter part of the war with the Fleet Air

Arm in the Far East. After the war he took a permament commission, com-manded a squadron and served in staff posts before his retirement from the Navy in 1967. After that he went into diocesan administration in the Church of England. He is survived by his widow Beverley, two daughters and a son-

Dan van der Vat

Commander Peter Winter, born September 3, 1917; died August

Face to Faith

# Mirrored in our own experience of love

Brendan Callaghan

HE past couple of weeks have been anything but quiet in terms of the me-dia's attention to the Roman Catholic community in this country. What has been par-ticularly intriguing is the way in which the story of Bishop Roderick Wright, making a radical decision at great per-sonal cost, has triggered not only news stories, but also discussion of the wider issues involved.

The combination of Catholicism and sex is almost irresistible and feature articles have reminded readers of, for exam ple, the less edifying (but more entertaining) periods of papal history. But several colmnists have also explored why the fascination remains in a country which is repeatedly told that it is sexually liberated, post-Christian, and residually anti-Catholic not only in constitutional law, but also in public opinion. Sex, it seems to me, remains

that's good news. Over the last couple of generations we have come to know a lot more about the physiology, psychology, sociology and history of sex. We have identified some of the patterns of embryonic sexual levelopment, and seem to be on the brink of identifying the roles of genetics and experience in mediating sexual variability; psychology has added to our understanding of sexual functioning and experience; social scientists and histori-ans have helped us recognise

clear. But all that is clear is that, at the end of the day (so to speak), our sexuality is myste-rious — in the sense that we never fully understand our sexual selves. "Is that it, then?" gives way, as we mature, to a sense that there's always more to "it", and that

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we are always open to being puzzled, surprised, elated. lowncast, to having our relationships, our patterns of life and our commitments unedly strengthened, or ust as unexpectedly thrown

into confusion. We may know more about how sexual mech anisms operate, but we are all still beginners at learning about the relational power of sex — or perhaps that should be "the sexual power of relationships". The point has also been well-made, by columnists from outside as well as inside

the Roman Catholic commu-nity, that Catholic Christianity is part of the cultural fabric of this country. Like it or dis-like it, believe it, disbelieve it or remain agnostic, we cannot ignore the scale by which Catholic Christianity has shaped our country. Step into churches and cathedrals at the heart of our towns and cities, and come into contact with a living tradition of ceremony and worship and prayer | shape our beliefs by our oppos-that has continued, despite de- ing them as "other" and unac-

I nomination ruptures, across worked its way into our national occasions.

But, more importantly, explore not just our history but our present, and come to realise that much of our public debate has been and continue to be shaped by ideas and arguments that inevitably relate o the Catholic tradition, while much of our personal discussion and questioning, to say nothing of our particination in the arts, takes place in a cultural context shaped, now as in the past, in implicit or explicit dialogue with Cath-olic Christianity. In one of Chaim Potok's novels of Hasidic life, a young man is intro duced to the study of Talmud with the advice "listen to the Rabbis arguing down the ages": in Europe (and wherever European culture has hegemony), one of the major protagonists in the continuing play of ideas that shapes how we live is the Roman

This is not to claim any preempting authority for Catholic Christian beliefs about, and viewpoints on, the world but merely to point out that, contrary to "public opinion", such beliefs and viewpoints are part of our lives, whether they form a foundation for our own implicit or explicit belief systems, or whether they shape our beliefs by our oppos

so with Roman Catholicism for almost any aspect of life, there's some teaching in Cath olic Christianity that has had an influence beyond the tradition and that. like it or not, has affected our own experience.
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ceptable. As with the rabbis,

It seems to me that Judaism and Catholic Christianity share a willingness to stress the importance of the sexual dimension of our lives, in rec penition of its power—a power to draw us out of a selfcentred immaturity that eems to be endemic to being human and into a focus on the other that can transform and heal and sustain; a power also that can get caught up in that same self-centredness and dis tort, maim and destroy. For the believer, it is that same power that can open us to that Other who is the origin and giver of life, whose joyful, gen erous, unconditional and vulnerable love is mirrored "as in a glass darkly" in our own experiences of sexuality and love, be they experiences of

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# Weekend Birthdays

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"It might be," says Fay Weldon, 65 tomorrow, "that my books are true." Why not? The life reads like fiction. The Dick-ensian: arrival from New Zealand in the London of 1946, a city of rat-running basements. The Muriel Sparkish: six-quida-week Foreign office dogsbody living in digs becomes unmarried mother. The Hardy-esque: young mother makes ar unconsummated marriage of convenience with schoolnaster, rots on Librium in Ac ton in expiation, runs away in the middle of the night with £4 stolen from her husband's walshe says: "Life is not as it should be, but as it is." et. The Colettesque: wom-Todov's birthdovs: Ian Alan of a certain age with brilliant ideas, but without esources, survives by appealing in every way to male patrons in advertising and in tele vision. Then the George Eliot period: nurture in rustic kitch ens after marriage to all-purpose bohemian Ron Weldon, and the birth of sequential sons —duty! And the Thacker-

bery, chief executive. Sadler Wells, 60; Curtly Ambrose, cricketer, 33; Leonard Cohen singer and poet, 62; Lord Bar nard, vice-chairman, British Red Cross Society, 73; Rhiannon Chapman, former director, the Industrial Society, 50; Shirley Conran, novelist and superwoman, 64; Rose media artist, 50; Larry Hagman, actor, 65; Stephen King, novelist. 48; Sir Hugh Lloyd-Jones, Greek scholar, 74: Donald 'Ginger' McCain, horse trainer, 66; Simon Mayo, broadcaster, 38; Bill Murray, actor, 46: Trevor Steven, foot-

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Tomorrow's other birthdays:

Dr Dannie Abse, physician, surgeon and poet, 73; John Bird, actor and playwright, 60; Maria Charles, stage direc-tor, actress, 67; William Franklyn, actor, 70; Joan Jett, rock singer, 38; Eurfron Jones, controller, educational broadcasting, BBC, 62; Deborah Lavin, principal, Trevelyan College, Durham Universi-ty, 57; Catherine Oxenberg, actress, 35; Capt Mark Phillips, horseman, 48; Mary Reveley, racehorse trainer, 56.

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# Why Saddam is laughing Aid is more useful than missiles

IT'S OFFICIAL now that Saddam Hussein has been strengthened, not weakened, by the latest events in northern Iraq and US aerial retaliation. The source is impeccable: CIA Director John M Deutch in his testimony to the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence. Mr Deutch agreed that the US cruise-missile attacks and the expansion of the no-fly zone has hit Saddam "strategically". But his real message was that the Iraqi leader has emerged from the latest confrontation "politically stronger." No one is suggesting Saddam has the capacity to mount a strategic campaign against any of his neighbours. He does not even have the hardware to bring down a US plane, only to launch a missile vaguely in its direction - and wait for the contentious retaliation. Losing a few anti-missile sites is cheap at the price, for where Saddam excels is in his tactical ability to exploit the confusions of others.

Externally, lack of allied support for the unilateral US action has created a perception of weakness in an area where perceptions are all important. It has sharpened suspicion among the Gulf states that a double game is being played - with Iran and Turkey plus Israel in the shadows - that could destabilise their region. Internally. Mr Deutch's conclusion contradicts his own agency's more optimistic assertion only a few months ago. Then it wrote down Saddam's prospects of survival. Now Mr Deutch says baldly that "we do think he's going to survive". because he controls "one of the most ruthless and efficient regimes that I know about." No doubt the CIA's knowledge has been enriched by the ease with which Saddam rolled up a dissident plot against him, backed by the agency and involving elements in the Iraqi army, earlier this summer.

There are no quick-fix solutions here. The ambivalence of the neighbouring states only mirrors a view widely held in Washington in the past, which in modified form still underpins its doctrine of dual containment (of both Iraq and Iran). What Saudi Arabia and the others fear is not so much a Shiite successor in Iraq allied to Iran. It is a more diffuse outcome where instability in Iraq generates more of the same at home. By "instability" these countries really mean the voicing of internal protest which has taken an increasingly fundamentalist turn. As long as those who define US and Western national interest refuse to include the need for political rights and civil justice, and condone represssive and feudal regimes, the democratic alternative will be blocked off. Post-Gulf War expressions of interest in Arab democracy expressed only the most

Saddam's internal strength is harder to gauge. Dictators have a habit of being toppled when no one is predicting it. But the real problem in Iraqi is much more the suffering of its people than the survival of its leader. The West can do something about one but not Logo no-nos the other. The oil-for-food agreement, now held up under US pressure, will deliver some aid to those who need it most. Though Saddam will seek to divert it, it is subject to rigorous scrutiny which should resist most if not all of his manipulation. Aid to the Kurds should also be resumed: they are not to blame for the intrigues of their factional leaders. US officials now claim that Massoud Barzani, having invited in Saddam, has learnt his lesson and will not do it again in the foreseeable future. The truth is that Mr Barzani will go on playing both sides: that is the only role open to him, but it does not mean that his request for humanitarian aid should not be met. Helping people to survive may not make headlines, but it is a good deal more effective than misdirected missiles.

# Have a good trip?

The art of falling on your face

BOB DOLE'S spin doctors can't decide whether he did himself a favour or not by tumbling off the platform at a campaign event. Presidential (or would-be presidential) pratfalls can be notoriously damaging. Any public occasion where things may go wrong is approached with as much apprehension as a performance of Macbeth on an underlit stage in the provinces. On the other hand, if someone or something else can be blamed for the mishap, the victim might just possibly earn a sympathy bonus.

What is much more damaging is to get a sporting reference wrong, and this may turn out to have been Mr Dole's biggest boob. Just hours before he made a crash landing in Chico, California, he had tumbled much more disastrously in West Hills. A casual reference to the Brooklyn Dodgers may sound all right to us. The problem is that the Dodgers left Brooklyn (where Mr Dole lived during the war) in 1957 and have played ever since in Los Angeles. Desperate attempts by his longsuffering press secretary to explain that this was just "the well-known Dole wit" were unconvincing: Mr Dole, said a student in the audience, sounded like his grandparent — someone "removed from our genera-

Bill Clinton, the same student was quoted as saying. is more like a parent. Perhaps that is why he dislikes being photographed while jogging. Dad always hates being seen going to fat and sweating all over his face. He (and especially this he) wants to preserve a more youthful, desirable, image. Jimmy Carter's jogging mishap is bracketed in people's minds with his disastrous mishandling of the Iranian hostages crisis. Dan Quayle's image as an inept vice-president was finally sealed when he mis-spelled "potato". Senator Ed Mus-kie's presidential bid melted in the New Hampshire snow when he broke down in tears outside the office of the Manchester Union Leader. Gerald Ford's habit of falling down aircraft steps reminded everyone that he only happened to be president because Richard Nixon

Air travelling embarrassments seem increasingly common these day. Boris Yeltsin did not fall down the steps at Shannon. He just failed to appear and kept an entire Irish government delegation waiting. Mr Clinton had a bad hair day when Air Force One held up traffic at Los Angeles International Airport while he was given a haircut. The decline and fall of Newt Gingrich can be dated to his whinge about being stuck in the back seats of the presidential plane to and from the funeral for Yitzhak Rabin. Here in England our politicians have more dignity. They don't make themselves ridiculous in public: they just do it in private - and wait for the tabloids to tell the tale.

# Father, hear our prayers

S AN ex-priest, now married with a fam-ily, I listened with inerest to the Radio 4 interview with Cardinal Hume and the subsequent reports in the Guardian (Hume says celibacy rule may

go, September 18).

I think many of us would agree with his statement that "our society is preoccupied with sex" and that "it's not a bad thing to have people who can witness to love without sex." But this is what most of us spend most of our time doing anyway. The question remains unanswered, however, as to why priests should be separated out to do it all the

Chris Larkman. Bronson Road, London SW20.

OW MY sides ached with laughter to hear Cardinal Basil Hume talking about the care and concern the Catholic Church owed to those women whom its priests became involved with! Seventeen years ago, the Catholic Church made it clear to me that all it was concerned about was hanging on to its priest. What happened to the broken heart, the broken life, the broken family and the broken health complete indifference to it. Priesthoods, it seems, could quite easily be built on such foundations. No doubt the same obtains today, so long as no one finds out about the liaison. Name and address supplied.

Y husband is a married priest. He is a deeply spiritual man, a sensitive and committed husband, friend, father and lover. He continues his ministry working with so-ciety's disadvantaged. He anguishes over how to pay bills and how to be a good parent. He is a man of truth and

truth is costly. The greatest cost of this pursuit of truth was that, in marrying me, he was excluded from the Church he loves, and he began married life with a very tricky bank balance, his only posses sions being a couple of prayer books. He didn't even have a pension, even though he had worked as a teacher and missionary priest for 17 years. His life has been tested in the furnace of suffering, but

what has emerged is gold.

What a tragedy the Catholic

Church is diminished by excluding this man and other married priests like him. M Courtney. Grasmere Avenue. London SW19.

HERE IS nothing wrong with celibacy. However, like priesthood, it is a vocation. To turn it into a pre-requi site for priesthood not only de-values celibacy itself, but demeans every would be celibate priest not called to be so. (Fr) Bert White. Parish priest. St Theodore's Church. High Street, Cranbrook.

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ANY prospective candidate for the priesthood knows full well that abstinence from sex and marriage is asked of him for Christ's sake. It is also well known that some will fail and they need our sympathy and prayers. But this does not mean that the abolition of celibacy will have people flocking back to church.

If blame were to be placed anywhere for the decline of religious practices, it is certainly not related to celibacy contraception or the lack of female priests. The Church of England has allowed all of these and continues to decline F Pock. York Drive. Mickle Trafford. Chester CH2.

A S A social-work student, I attended courses at an ecumenical pastoral training centre, allowing an unusually frank insight into the atti-tudes and problems of fellowtrainees, many of whom were Catholic nuns and priests.

My observation then was that compulsory celibacy was delivering precisely the oppo-site effect, leading to a preoc-cupation with very little else. As a group, the Catholic trainees were obsessed with the inner turmoil they were constantly experiencing as they struggled to repress their sex ual and romantic inclinations. This made otherwise in telligent, dedicated people into lonely, tormented and un happy individuals, and I can-not believe it enhanced their

capacity for effective pastoral

IBERALISM and Labour-

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sophical roots. While both are

reformist. Labour has tended to be what has been described

as "mechanical reformist".

Liberals, in contrast, are

Chair. Liberal Democrat

and persuasion.

Duncan Brack.

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WHEN the trade unions formed the Labour Party

they did so because the Liber-

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William Morris made the transition from youthful Radi-

cal Liberalism to mature

marxist at a period when the

narrow craft-trade unionism of relatively privileged skilled

workers was giving way to the

mass strikes of the unskilled.

Travelling in the opposite

direction Tony Blair has regressed to Liberalism. Nick Wright.

161 Brockley Rise,

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Sierra Hutton-Wilson Priory Cottage, Church View. Evercreech.

# Fighting the child abusers across the frontiers

OUR article (Search for I lost children, September 19) on Britain's action in

Europe was extremely mis-leading on two points. First, it is not Britain's in-tention indiscriminately to block and reject action on coordinated laws to combat child abuse and paedophilia. The UK is the world leader in the action it has taken to protect young people. As we made clear at the Stockholm Conference, we will be bringing forward legislation as soon as possible to give our courts parisdiction over sexual ofiences committed against chil-

dren abroad. Unlike our other European partners, we are prepared to extradite our own nationals for any serious offence they commit abroad. So of course we are seriously considering the proposals put forward. Britain will take a very active and positive part in the discussions on this issue next week. I am determined that Britain will continue to take leading role in combating this

dreadful abuse. Second, Britain has not

been responsible for the de. layed setting up of Europol We have been one of the prime movers and supporters of

Europol. Indeed, I personally intervened to resolve a dispute he tween France and Germany earlier on in Europol's consid-eration. I have always recog-nised the importance of exchanging criminal intelligence with our Euro pean partners. The delay lies with other member states who signed the Europol Convention, but afterwards linked their ratification to the involvement of the Europol Convention. volvement of the European

Court of Justice. We have now agreed an optional protocol on this issue to satisfy those other states that should remove any remaining obstructions to the setting up of Europol. I intend that Brifain will be one of the first states to ratify the Convention and allow Europol to make its vital contribution to the light against international crime. (Rt Hon) Michael Howard MP. Home Secretary. Queen Anne's Gate, London SWIH 9AT ...

# Give this Bill a chance

YOUR ARTICLE on the forthcoming Employment Rights (Dispute Resolution) Bill (Ever changing landscape that is employment law. September 14) included some pertinent observations, but I would take issue with three of

its contentions. The article's concern about the proposal for legal officers to take cases instead of the tribunal chairperson is misplaced. The Bill would enable a pilot to take place in which legal officers would take over some interlocutory work from the chairpersons. They would certainly not be empowered to

The article then suggests that the arbitration alternative is likely to be unattractive because there would be no right of appeal and because unions want legal precedents to be established.

This is wrong. First, the right of appeal is not covered by the Bill but would be decided subsequently. The Bill simply enables ACAS to set up and run an arbitration scheme. There is currently much discussion going on about whether or not there should be any right of appeal Even if there were no right, either party could seek judi-cial review if they felt that the arbitrator had taken a decision which was legally wrong Second, it is rare in unfair

dismissal cases for new prece-

jority of such claims are un-complicated and routine hence the attraction of arbitration as an alternative to a legal procedure. I am sure unions would consider the arbitration route on a case by case basis and, as long as they did not feel they needed new legal interpretations, may find it an attractive alterna tive. Much depends on how such a system is seen to operate in the first few months.

The TUC would be the first to be suspicious of any legisl tive proposal which further eroded the rights of individuals in the workplace. And we are submitting a number of other proposals to the Government which do not so far feature in this Bill, such as linking the compensation for unfair dismissal to the average earnings index, and allow ing for a "test case" approach to avoid the necessity for mass applications. John Monks

General Secretary, Trades Union Congress. Congress House, Great Russell Street, London WC1B 3LS.

Please include a full postal address, even on e-mælled etters, and a telephone number We may edit letters; shorter ones are more likely to appear. We regret we cannot acknowledge those not used.

# A liberal view of the Labour leader

YOU ask: is Tony Blair a Liberal (September 18)? The answer is yes, a free-marketeer economic liberalist and 19th-century-style Liberal; the grand heir to a tradition which ruthlessly promoted the interests of the middle classes who spawned it, whilst spluttering about helping one's neighbour and being

kind to animals. Blair's beloved Gladstone condemned factory and mine regulation in this country and supported the pro-slave South in the US. Sanctimonious church-hall truisms are Blair's stock-in-trade, just as they were with dear old Bill; though the spin-doctors should pray that the former does not continue to follow in William's footsteps by pursu-ing the latter's rather handson approach to assisting the plight of prostitution.

As your article suggested Mr Blair's "pragmatism" does indeed have echoes of the great Lloyd George, the impla cable foe of female suffrage who oversaw not only brutal strike-breaking but also the Black 'n' Tan massacres of Ben Granger 26 Howe Hill Close,

Acomb, York YO24SN.

F COURSE Wally Olins (Comment page, Septem-

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WAS fascinated to read that the Liberal Party owed a great deal to the "romantic strain in William Morris's writings". Even a cursory glance at Morris' political writings would surely give a reasonably clear picture of Morris as beholden to a revolutionary politics, partly anar-chist, partly socialist. It is a little difficult to see quite how Morris's work fits in with the pragmatism and "ethical socialism" of New Labour, romanticism or not. Unless. of course, you were referring to his wallpaper?

Lancaster LA1 4YL. A LEX CARLILE (Bye bye Sword, September 20) is right — Tony Blair is not a "Liberal"; but then neither are the Liberal Democrats, who have happily espoused Tory economic and defence policies as they themselves move to the right at

(Dr) Peter Wilkin.

Relations.

Politics and International

Lancaster University,

roughly the same speed as Locally, the self-styled "Liberal Democrat-Labour partnership" at County Hall in Worcester is happily slashing

of producing a "better" ser-

vice. For "better", read low-

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fire services and selling off OAP homes - the very policies which they howled down when the Tories tried to push them through only a few years

ago. (Çlir) Mike Oborski. (Liberal Group Leader, Wyre Forest District Council.) 6 Osborne Close. Kidderminster, Worcs DY103YY.

O SUGGEST that Tony Blair is some kind of neo-Liberal is an insult to all Liberals. The type of woolly thinking, lacking either ideological or financial basis, which Mr Blair espouses would relegate him to the far backbenches of any Liberal Democrat council group as someone incapable of facing reality. His rise to lead "Noo Labour" has parallelled that of John Major in the Tores: both parties were afraid to pick anyone better.

Blair's managerial ap-proach marks him out again and again as the kind of "onenation conserative" with whom Edward Heath and David Owen could bed down David A Dawson. Southport PR8 3AW.

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ANY thanks for Wally Olins' informative PR

piece — sorry, article — ex-plaining the benefits of the PR

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Nature notes

MY father, Henry William-son, who wrote Tarka the Otter, would have been dismayed that National Nature Reserve *s*tatus had been removed from Braunton Burrows in North Devon ("Tarka" dunes lose nature reserve status in cows row. September 11). He knew that to maintain the 440 species of plants and open, wild landscape which so inspired his most famous books, Tarka the Otter, Salar the Salmon and The Pathway, and numerous wildlife short stories, required detailed, exacting and expensive management. Surely this amount of expertise and commitment

requires the professionals. English Nature: Cannot John Gummer per suade Devon Christie Estate Trust (the owners) and EN to sit round the table rather than throw in the towel at this criti-

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ous Popes had warned against modernism which, as one of

them observed, embraced all

other heresies, and although the intentions of many of the

Council Fathers were to

strengthen and illuminate the

# A Country Diary

MACHYNLLETH: As a party of us went off to look for a favourite plant, the grass of Parnassus, we thought of the strange names that have been given to some of the wildflowers. The grass of the Parnassus which, far from being a grass, is a sort of saxifrage, was presumably named after the holy mountain. Parnassus, as a tribute to its beauty a flower fit for the gods. From this district we need to go a long way north to have any hope of finding grass of Parnassus. In sand dunes by the sea in Anglesey, it begins to flower in July. But I prefer to wait a couple of months until it comes into bloom in the natural rock-gardens high on the flanks of Snowdon and neighbouring heights in September and even October. It has a single erect stem, often nearly a foot high, topped by a solitary, five-petalled, white flower about an inch across, a flower which, looked at

through even a low-powered

hand-lens, is a miracle of beauty for the delicate veining on each petal and for the exquisite details of its stamens ever, neither in sand-dunes nor on alpine ledges that we saw it this week. Its Larin name, Parnassia palustris, suggests a plant that lives in marshes, and it was in a marsh that we found it, a marsh that slopes gently down to a lake. It was growing among tall grasses and rushes with other wetland plants like sewort, devils-bit scabious, butter wort, sundew, heath-spotted orchid and cross-leaved beath. Above the marsh were ashwoods instead of the oakwoods more usual in Snowdonia; and above the ashwoods towered the high cliffs of a spectacular cortie whose summit rocks were pur-ple with heather — a suitably noble setting for a plant which has links with such a celebrated sacred mountain. WILLIAM CONDRY

# Why my tastes remain strictly catholic

HE Catholic Church is in something of a mess, not for the first time. The present disagree-ments are usually described as differences between the "traditionalists" and the "progressives" or the "liberal" and the "conservative" wings. Outsiders imagine that the conflict arises from such matters as the celibacy of the clergy, the ordination of women, abortion and contraception and homosexual rights, but the truth is that the

rights, but the truth is that the battle is between orthodoxy and heresy.

The "development of doctrine" of which the would-be reformers speak seldom leads further on the road to truth but is almost invariably tangential and therefore mislead. gential and therefore mislead-ing. Liberals have a tendency to see things not as they actu-ally are but as they think they should be and would like them

Thus the doctrine of original sin is considered distasteful and far from consonant with human dignity. Some talk of "original blessing" and maintain that we are not only evolving towards perfection but have, to some degree, already attained this happy state: that God is not "wholly other" but immanent and that we all share in the ongoing

Alice Thomas Ellis | work of creation. Given the | change Almost all of them are | visible state of the world one | highly educated and experican only wonder at their opti-mism; at their presumption. A Spanish priest wrote: "Forget-ting the divine and supernatural character of the Church (and she is nothing if not div-ine and supernatural), liberal Catholics talk and write about her as a simple development. accepting, in the blindness of their false conception, the nat-uralistic definition of faith. They thus eviscerate the Church, making her the mere husk of what she really is."

Many people, many move ments have sought to invade the Church and use her for their own ends. A seminarian writing in Christian Order of his four years in a neo-mod-ernist Roman Catholic seminary has come to the "firm be-lief that the source of the current crisis in the Church in the United States can be traced directly to the seminar-ies. The seminary is literally the seedbed of the faith." He goes on, "Many embit-

tered, frustrated priests and nuns continue to work in seminaries with an agenda for "reform" and "change" so that their corporate and per-sonal ambitions and desires can be met. Many want to see priestesses, married clergy, allowance for dissent and ac ceptance of homosexual and lesbian lifestyles, and believe the spirit of the council called for this kind of "openness and

enced seminary educators."

It is not only in the US that this sort of thing is happening. I have met several bemused and cross young men whose vocations have been thwarted at the first fence by connec-tions questioning their reasons for aspiration to the

faith the insistence on open-ness led to countless forms of disobedience and gross error. priesthood. There is usually a woman on these committees and if the potential ordinand is not, in her opinion, entirely

'It is the world of Lucifer, disguised under the name of liberalism, in perpetual warfare against that society composed of the children of God'

is automatically rejected.
Centuries of Catholic tradi-tion are represented as patri-archal, oppressive and deeply unattractive. All revolutionaries use this tactic and it is too often successful in blinding people to the facts, for too many people are dedicated fol-lowers of fashion and swayed

by the zeitgeist.

Whether or not the Holy
Spirit was in evidence at Vatican Council II, the spirit of the age had a huge effect since it came about in the sixtles its that humankind fashions when the West appeared to go religion ... God is human- against Pharisaism".

sound on the subject of femi-nism and "women's issues" he protestantism and New Age protestantism and New Age fancies becoming ever more apparent. A Catholic priest (though the adjective here seems somewhat misplaced) wrote the following: "Religion is grounded in human experi-ence. In the midst of the frustrations, the ambiguities, the pleasures, the joys, the uncer tainties of our lives, we occa-sionally sense that something else may be going on . . . but in that fleeting glimpse of 'some-thing else' being at work in the world it is out of these lim-

collectively off its head. Previous Popes had warned against riences of wonder and awe." So is the tooth-fairy if you follow this thought through to its logical conclusion. This is paganism carelessly enveloped in Catholic vestments, the wolf in shepherd's clothing: it is light years away from the words of St Augustine who observed that God has made us for himself and "our hearts are restless until they rest in

> Like the proverbial Chinese meal, such ersatz spirituality can temporarily fill without satisfying and it certainly does not nourish the soul. The Christian concepts of humility, endurance, self-sacrifice are hopelessly unfashionable as society seeks instant and immediate gratification and moral relativism reigns.
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> The ancient devotions and observances are abandoned

observances are abandoned, sometimes forcibly at the be-hest of a bishop or priest who has ideas of his own and casti-gates protesting parishioners for "disobedience" when they show signs of dissatisfaction. super Signs of the saussaction. Certain members of the hierarchy still evince a bland determination to deny that there is anything amiss in the ts anything amiss in the Church, claiming that the few little local difficulties can be easily reconciled with the application of tolerance and "dialogue" but they forget the intolerance of Christ, "the terrible invectives of our Lord

The liberal who wishes to view the world in terms of sweetness and light grows as tonishingly bitter when faced with disagreement. Is he not liberal and therefore, by definition, good and right? It is inconceivable that anyone should take issue with him when all he seeks is the pres-

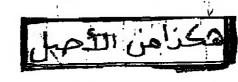
ent happiness of mankind.

He is like a parent who encourages the children to play out a fantasy with the contents of the dressing-up box rather than applying them-selves to the keeping of their frocks clean for the special occasion — the eschatalogical moment when they must face eternity. I don't think - to coin a phrase - that the liberal has much time for

eternity.

Let my Spanish priest have the last word. "Liberalism is a world complete in itself, it has its maxims, its fashions, its art, its literature, its diplomacy. its laws, its conspira-cies, its ambuscades. It is the world of Lucifer, disguised in our times under the name of tiberalism, in radical opposi-tion and in perpetual warfare against that society composed of the children of God, the Church of Jesus Christ." That's telling 'em.

The novelist Alice Thomas Ellis's autobiography, A Weish Childhood, was published in 1990. Mark Lawson appears in



# A desirable residence

tomorrow's programme, "there is no standard prime

autumn of 1997 by Anthony Seldon's as-yet-untitled biog-

tion of the man himself in its

preparation. Sadly, Ted Heath's long-awaited mem-

oirs won't quite be ready for

the 1996-97 premierfest.

though he now has a gifted little team working with him in Salisbury. This is a special

pity, as Heath was in many ways the best-prepared post-

war premier in terms of the

prior thought he had given on

how best to re-equip the cen-tral mechanics of state.

A decade ago Anthony King of Essex University found the

British prime minister a curi-

ously understudied figure

able to make of it".

What sort of people want to be prime minister? How do they cope with the pressure and the paperwork? **Peter Hennessy** searches history for clues and, looking forward, offers Tony Blair a piece of advice

cinating year for prime-min-ister-watchers. Not only is there a strong possibility that the post will change hands next spring, but the period between now and the transition of power from Major to Blair will be punctuated by several studies of how the job has been done in the minister." echoing Asquith's famous argument that "the office of the prime minister is what its holder chooses and is past and how its functions might be better performed in

we this Bill a chance

The premiership question ranges way beyond scholarly interest and academic importance. Mrs Thatcher may have called it "the most fascinating job in the world", but in the words of a very senior insider, now stretch "absolutely beyond what any mortal could properly be expected to handle". For all the seepage of power from Downing Street thanks to an integrating Europe and a globalising economy, avoidable underperformance by the tempo-rary resident in Number 10

The premiership season begins tomorrow with Michael Cockerell's television investigation How To Be Prime Min-ister (BBC2, Sunday 8.10pm). This month sees, too, the publication of Stuart Ball's and Anthony Seldon's edited study of The Heath Government 1970-74 (Longman. £16.99), which contains an ex amination of the prime minister and policy-making by John Ramsden plus a comple mentary chapter by Ball and Seldon on Nunber 10 under Ted. Next week my Muddling Through (Gollancz, £20) in-cludes conversations with both Heath and Jim Callaghan on how they ran their cabinets, plus cameo studies of various kinds of the other miers who filled the years 1945-90. Next month will see the appearance of the authorand most underrated of the post-war incumbents, with Home (Sinclair-Stevenson, £25); and I shall begin a series of Gresham Lectures at Gresham College which in-cludes treatments of Churchill's last premiership. Eden's tormented and tragic stewardship, and John Major's great survival act, as

well as portraits of the Heath and Callaghan periods. If he wins, Tony Blair will be the least experienced prime minister since Ramsay MacDonald kissed hands with an anxious George V in Janu-ary 1924, and found himself presented shortly after with a memo from the monarch outlining what duties he owed to his sovereign — something, I suspect, the Queen would be too tactful to send to Mr Blair in the early days of May 1997, though he will be briefed on the very special relationship that exists between Number 10 and the palace. Inevitably such a lack of the kind of Whitehall experience on which Jim Callaghan, rightly, sets such store tomorrow, when recalling his own ascension to the top job in 1976, will be a matter of intense discussion generally as the election

catholic

future and at the same time a trustee of all that was best in our past." Callaghan was squarely in the romantic. May 1940 tradition, when Churchill on his arrival felt "as if I were walking with destiny and that all my past life had been but a preparation for this hour and this tion for this hour and this

trial".
Ted Heath, by contrast, reveals himself tomorrow to be more in the Attlee mould (Attlee, when asked if he felt no doubt, continue on his course of reading the biogra-phies of past premiers for the destiny had overtaken him in July 1945, replied characteristically: "No. I had not much idea about destiny."). Heath, who is much more of a purposes of comparing and contrasting their conduct of what Michael Cockerell calls romantic than he lets on "the toughest and loneliest job in Britain". Though, as Heath tells Cockerell in side that extraordinary exterior is a little pink, quivering Ted trying to get out," as one of his cabinet colleagues once remarked of him fondly), tells Michael Cockerell when asked the "destiny" question: "No. No. Really. No. I didn't spend my time looking around and saying, 'How his-toric this is, Heath...' No. What one might call The Year Of The Prime Minister will be rounded off in the No. No. You get on with the

But what is "the job"? No raphy of John Major (to be published by Weidenfeld) which, though not author-ised, has enjoyed the cooperabody has ever produced a specification for it. The Cabinet Office and Number 10 had a kind of stab in the late 1940s, and their efforts are preserved in a fascinating file at the Public Record Office Prime Minister And His Staff which, so far as I can tell, was never shown to Mr Attlee or any of his successors. The officials listed a dozen functions for their boss.

I attempted to update them last year and found they had grown to 33, ranging from appointing regius professors to launching, if the need arose, a Trident missile. And this tally involved only governmental duties. It excluded compared to the United States | all those extra-governmental

Jim Callaghan says of his arrival as prime minister: 'I felt somehow that I'd become a guide to lead the nation into the future, and at the same time a trustee of all that was best in our past'

president. Biography was — | and non-partiamentary party and to a large extent, remains | functions that will absorb a — a surrogate for the kind of functional institutional studars have excelled since Dick Neustadt's pioneering work a generation ago. Some British premier

watchers, myself included, are in the process of trying to remedy this deficiency. And Michael Cockerell's documentary, in addition to its fascinating scoop on Harold Wilson's contemplation of a special operation to assassinate Idi Amin in 1975, does every observer of the premiership a service by getting previously unknown or formerly non-attributable reflections (plus a wealth of fromthe-horse's-mouth material) into the public domain.

The historical approach, in which Cockerell is steeped, is crucial to an understanding of the prime-ministership, a job which, as Harold Wilson once explained, is largely "organised by history". Jim Callaghan is especially eloquent on this when he recalls tomorrow evening the mo-ments after he finally stepped across the threshold of most British politicians' ambitions

in April 1976.
"I stood there for a moment," he says of his arrival in the cabinet room as prime on generally as the election profound feeling. I felt some ask Mr Hurd, who has an audit this year of the profound feeling. I felt some ask Mr Hurd, who has an audit this year of the profound feeling. I felt some ask Mr Hurd, who has an audit this year of the profound feeling. I felt some ask Mr Hurd, who has an audit this year of the profound feeling. I felt some ask Mr Hurd, who has an audit this year of the profound feeling. I felt some ask Mr Hurd, who has an audit this year of the profound feeling. I felt some ask Mr Hurd, who has an audit this year of the profound feeling. I felt some ask Mr Hurd, who has an audit this year of the profound feeling. I felt some ask Mr Hurd, who has an audit this year of the profound feeling. I felt some ask Mr Hurd, who has an audit this year of the profound feeling. I felt some ask Mr Hurd, who has an audit this year of the profound feeling. I felt some ask Mr Hurd, who has an audit this year of the profound feeling. I felt some ask Mr Hurd, who has an audit this year of the profound feeling. I felt some ask Mr Hurd, who has an audit this year of the profound feeling. I felt some ask Mr Hurd, who has an audit this year of the profound feeling. I felt some ask Mr Hurd, who has an audit this year of the profound feeling. I felt some ask Mr Hurd, who has an audit this year of the profound feeling. I felt some ask Mr Hurd, who has an audit this year of the profound feeling. I felt some ask Mr Hurd, who has an audit this year of the profound feeling. I felt some ask Mr Hurd, who has an audit this year of the profound feeling. I felt some ask Mr Hurd, who has an audit this year of the profound feeling. I felt some ask Mr Hurd, who has an audit this year of the profound feeling. I felt some ask Mr Hurd, who has a profound feeling feeli

very high proportion of Mr Major's time between now The British prime minister

is still a near-stranger to statutory duties. But the job is punishing, because it is a kind of sump into which sink the important functions of state that are neither exercised by the head of state (the Queen) nor her individual ministers according to the requirements, and the atten-dant public expenditure, laws of various descriptions.

Again the Cockerell investigation brings out the different personal flavours very nicely contrasting, for example, Jim Callaghan ("I had no desire to be absolutely ou fait with everything that was going on.") and his successor ("I don't have time to relax very much. I'm always on the

Douglas Hurd, who saw three PMs at work from close quarters (he was Heath's po-litical secretary in Number 10 and was a cabinet minister what easements were under both Thatcher and Major) is the best provider of lf Mr Hurd were so commisadvice to the next in the line of apostolic succession from Robert Walpole. "The main advice must be the use of time." he declares tomorrow. If I were Tony Blair I would ask Mr Hurd, who has

other contemporary politi-cian, to do for me what Har-old Macmillan asked Attlee to | increase of 173 per cent. I | even the more titanic pre-tually exhausted and physido for him when he became prime minster in 1957 - to lead a thorough examination of "the burden on ministers". including the prime-ministe-rial load, and to recommend

sioned, he might start with the flow of paper across the premier's desk. Using the Number 10 archive at the Public Record Office, which now reaches 1965. I conducted

suspect such growth has continued over the past 30 years. Paper is but one indicator which demonstrates that, unreformed, ours is a system of central government which a cumulative over-

load at the top that leaves THIS WEEK'S ESSAYIST, Peter Hennessy, is

week in an updated paper-back edition (Indigo, £7.99)

cally overstretched and, when

their turn comes to depart,

painfully mindful of As-

quith's other famous dictum

on the premiership -

"Power, power? You think you are going to get it but you never do".

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The young Harold Wilson dreams of destiny on the steps of Number 10, Downing Street

London, and Gresham Professor of Rhetoric at Gresham College, London His The Hidden Wiring: Unearthing The British Con-stitution is published next

# Fearless — most of the time



Martin Kettle

HE Liberal Democrats. who inaugurate the selves on being very different from the other two parties. And in some respects, of

course, they are.
They have some distinctive policies, notably on tax, the environment and electoral reform, at which many in the Labour Party also look with wistful envy. They have a distinctive political culture. which even today manifests itself in a civilised earnestness of manner. Above all. they are different in that few of them think seriously in terms of national - as distinct from local — government. Yet on either Europe or on trans | Liberal Democrats as a party | politics. To some degree, that | electoral realities rather than | political choice itself.

days becoming more apparen than real. As usual, there will be a lot of talk at Brighton next week about how the Liberal Democrats are this distinctive and radical party, how they are the only one of the three prepared to face the difficult issues about tax, how they are the only one that is not in hock to vested interests. The attitude towards Tony Blair will be endlessly patron-ising and snooty. Yet an awful lot of this talk is bogus.

This is a party of very selec-tive fearlessness. Once again, for instance, there is to be no debate at Brighton about defence policy or nuclear weapons. These are subjects on which this party's prede-cessor, and indeed Paddy Ash-down himself, have in the past had fearless things to say. Now they either judge it more prudent to remain silent just as they condemn Labour for doing - or else they have given up trying, frozen in the politics of the 1980s.

Or take two other examples. There are no debates this year

the sense of difference which is such a source of pride to Liberal Democrats is nowacarved out extremely distinctive policy positions - as the pro-European (and hence the pro-single-currency) party and, even more so, as the greenest of the main political parties. A party which sought to emphasise or celebrate its distinctiveness would surely give extensive debating time

> sumably because they wish to offer no hostages to the Tory Party and the Europhobe press. And there is no debate on transport either, in spite of the attention which Ashdown has himself paid to the issue in the recent past, when he has made the unrestricted growth of the motor car a talisman of his own willingness to talk straight about real problems. This cynical omission can presumably be explained by the party's fear that they could not hold Newbury if the conference - as it assuredly would - overruled the party's pro-bypass MP, David Rendel

bunch of hypocritical trimtice. But I think they are be coming increasingly a party like any other. Like the other two parties, they have calculated the content of the conference by the impact they expect news. There will be a lot of jibes against Peter Mandelson and political packaging at Brighton, but the Liberal Democrat hierarchs are nowa-Yet there is no Europe, predays just as prepared as their Labour counterparts to tailor their own political events to

impress the floating voters. And who is to say that they are wrong in that? On one level, they are only being conventionally professional in their approach. For years, the Liberal Democrats were mocked by their opponents and by the media for a certain woolly amateurism. Now they have exchanged their woollies for suits it is a bit much to denounce them for that too.

Like Blair, but without his determination, resources or success, the Liberal Democrats are themselves part of I am not trying to paint the the convergence of British

is to be expected in a pre-election period. And yet it shows every sign of becoming a permanent feature of the politics of the foreseeable

This raises, I think, a com-

plex but important wider

question about the future of a

healthy form of party politics. It used to be argued that the great virtue of party politics in a democracy was that dif-ferent parties could put sub-stantively different, even sharply contrasting, pro-grammes to the electorate and that the voters would then make one choice or the other. Today, that model seems far removed from any reality. The

parties may detest one an-other with undiminished pas-sion, and there may still be massive cultural differences stance of their disputes is very much narrower than it once

HIS leads the parties to

emphasise spurious or marginal differences rather than substantial ones Everyone recognises this in the contest between Labour and Conservative, but the Liberal Democrats are consenting adults in convergence too. I accept that the parties have been driven to converge by

by their own wickedness or lack of principle. If the voters had shown that they were happy to listen to and be swayed by a serious public argument about nuclear weapons. Europe or the motor car, then the parties would

have responded. what used to be thought of as state socialist option is available to voters in the shape of Arthur Scargill's Socialist Labour Party, but there are few takers. An alternative politics exists in the form of the Green Party, but that party very nearly decided not even to bother contesting elections. It seems as though the only non-convergent parties which can survive in this political environment are local separatist movements such as the SNP.

Instinctively, I don't like the convergence. I wish the con-test between the parties was sharper and more radical. But it isn't good enough simply to blame the parties for this process. The process reflects the nature of our times. We live in a society which may be dedicated to endless consumption choices, but which seems to recoil en masse not just from the political choices on offer to

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# Luciano Benetton keeps it in the family

PROFILE: Italian mogul who goes his own way talks to Pauline Springett

eponymous Italian business empire. would almost pass as a tradi-

tional tycoon. The tweed suit is perhaps a little better cut than that of the average Brit. But it is the unruly mass of curly white hair and the green tie embla-zoned with sheep jumping hurdles which suggest that Mr Benetton may not be an ordinary mogul.

The sheep are a witty reference to the flock of multi-coloured sheep which helped

UCIANO Benetton. | Benetton store this week on 61-year-old president | Oxford Circus. Still, it is perand co-founder of the | haps an advance that he is wearing clothes at all. He was once photograped nude for an advertising campaign, and more recently he and his famwere pictured wearing straitjackets.

Around 40 years ago. Luciano's sister Giuliana pre-sented him with a multi-coloured jumper she had made herself. The pullover at-tracted much admiration, the ness selling their sister's woolies and the seeds of an

zione Holding spa, controls four main arms: manufactur-ing, which encompasses the fashion group; property; food retailing and motorway restaurants; and a miscellaneous collection of businesses which includes a bank.

Benetton is a family con-cern. Luciano is the presi-dent, brother Gilberto is vice president. Carlo is the production director of Benetton worldwide and Giuliana is the creative force. Numerous Benetton children now work in various parts of the em-pire, including Alessandro, Luciano's son, who is tipped

that are not too crowded

non-family in important jobs.

Benetton sticks to family and

If Luciano has his way, that day will be a long way off. Talk of the succession is, he "We would hardly ever welcome outsiders. The group is 72 per cent owned by the Benetton famsays, premature. "I don't

know what retirement would ily, with the rest split almost equally between Italian and Perhaps, he adds. he would be forced to work less if he was paralysed in his bed. American institutional investors. Mr Benetton is dismissive of the concerns of exter-nal investors. "As a rule we He works an 111/2 day. five days a week. Away from work he professes to prefer don't intervene on share prices. I can say that the share price is often ruled by mood. There is no reason for the quiet life. "I like places The family nature of the business is very important to him, despite expansion hav-ing necessitated employing

However, he stresses that breastfeeding a white baby this year's profits are on and a man dying of Aids. course to be higher than 1995 when the group made 220

recovering from a sharp fall are part of life and part of in demand the year before, entertainment." He adds that the company will be debt-free different images shock differin demand the year before. The company will be debt-free by the year end, he insists.

Benemon's fashion range may have been built on jump ers but it has sold a wider range of clothes for some years. The Benetton name has gained worldwide recognition thanks to the often controversial, some would say deliberately offensive, advertising campaigns featuring images such as a black woman

Mr Benetton is unapologetic. "I agree with the over-

ent cultures. "We do not do this deliberately." Is there anything he would draw the line at depicting? "I wouldn't claim our product is better

than other people's."

Equally bizarre is Benetton's plunge into the world of Formula One motor racing. But the team won last season's championship with a drivers and constructors' double. "It's proved we are well organised and successful in something that is not our core business. It

charges that he was a party to the fraudulent bankrupicy of the Fiorucci clothing company. He insists on his inno-cence, saying that he parted company with Fiorucci a year and a half before it went bust

"We never ran this com-pany," he said.

His lawyers are on the case. Which leaves him free to con-centrate on redefining Benet. boutiques to larger stores. "I have the feeling of ne having reached my goal.





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# Money men look to ride the Irish tiger

Ireland's economic miracle

Strong economy and a common ancestry might disarm the Americans. But are the numbers all blarney?

## Sarah Whitebloon reports

AKE one trillion dol-lars, 80 American certain amount of Guinness, and somehow, somewhere, some investment cash ought to find its way to

That, at least, is the strong renewal programme, has al-ready proved remarkably sucexpectation in Dublin following last week's Pen-sions 2000 conference, which attracted some of the biggest Irish capital and Belfast. The big money men came

and were impressed - despite the recent flare up of the Troubles in the North. With a set of economic figures which would do one of the east's tiger economies proud, it is tiger economies proud, it is scarcely any surprise — al-though some of the American guests believed the numbers almost too good to be true. Ireland's real GDP growth

rate last year was 6.5 per cent, inflation was down to 1.3 per cent in May and 35 per cent of its highly educated popula-tion is under 28 years of age. The North's growth rate is also moving rapidly around 3 per cent — and it is tipped to become the UK's fastest growing region by the year 2000.

all growth rate in 1995 was 2.4 all growth rate in 1995 was 2.4 per cent, inflation has not been under two per cent since 1993 and the population is ageing. Nor is Ireland suffering as badly from the 1996-97 downturn projected by the OECD as the rest of Europe.

One astonished US visitor is said to have asked: "Is this all blarney? Can it really be so perfect?" so perfect?"

Damian Hennelly, of the future."

Irish Industrial Development mistic."

By contrast, the UK's over

there are now 950 funds domi-ciled in the IFSC, with assets of \$27 billion (£18 billion), said Mr Hennelly. In addition, the site is attracting admin-stration work on other funds.

Agency, said it is still too early to see positive commit-ments. But a key beneficiary

of any investment could be

Dublin's International Finan-

cial Services Centre, he said.

cessful in attracting funds. The latest figures show

The docklands centre, part of Dublin's extensive urban

#### 'It is the jewel in the crown which is important for employment'

And captive insurers have flocked to the Liffey-side site. Mr Hennelly said: "It is the jewel in the crown. And it is a labour intensive industry, which is important for the un-

employment situation." Overseas firms face taxes of just 10 per cent, but Mr Hen-nelly insisted the IFSC's success is "not just driven by the tax factors". "There is a strong flow of well-educated

Over the next month or two, according to Mr Hennelly, some dividends are expected from the conference. "Some of the groups cercarried and we expect to be following it up with meetings in the near future," he said. "We are opti-

The IDA's confidence is not out of place. The republic has already attracted some 1.100 overseas firms from all over the world to its shores. And its success in bringing in dol-lars is impressive — as many as 447 of its inward investors are American companies. They now employ more than 50,000 people across the country. A further 50 US

firms are employing around 14.000 people in the North. US sources say the rate of return achieved by such investments is around four times that enjoyed by direct investment in Britain. It is not only Dublin and its

environs which have benefited. Overseas businesses have been setting up in far flung parts of the island. Mr Hennelly said: "They are not just coming to Dublin. We are trying to encourage compe nies to go to the country.

Obviously, the total cessa-tion of the Troubles would add to Ireland's attractions— in the republic and more par-ticularly, the North according to some US fund managers. There is another appeal which Dublin is not slow to trade on. More than a few of those who made the trip last week had surnames which would suggest they owe some

allegiance to Ireland. Mr Hennelly admitted an cestry "can make a difference". He maintained that it can help an Irish firm get through the door to make a presentation if the potential investor claims to be of Irish descent, as 40 million Ameri cans do. But: "It comes down to pounds, shillings and pence — descent doesn't guarantee anything."





# Maxwell banks in firing line Standing alone

# starts to be risky

# DTI set to publish report on Mirror Group flotation

OP City firms in-cluding the mer-chant banks Samuel Montagu and Salo-mon Brothers are braced for criticism of their roles in the controversial sale

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Mirror Group Newspapers.
The indications are that Department of Trade and Indus-try inspectors have nearly completed their investigation

in 1991 of £250 million of

shares in Robert Maxwell's

of the circumstances sur-rounding the hugely hyped well — from serving as com-

Also in the line of fire will be any brokers who helped Robert Maxwell to mount a Robert Maxwell to mount a secret share-support operation weeks after the troubled float in order to prop up the level of MGN stock.

Publication of the report will force Ian Lang, the Trade and Industry Correction to

and Industry Secretary, to make a decision about whether to ask the courts for an order barring any of those involved in the affair - in about the media tycoon.

pany directors.

It has also emerged that a civil court judgment in De-cember 1993 branded Kevin Maxwell as a liar who had misappropriated shares in the Berlitz language-training company and used them as se-curity for loans to private Maxwell companies.

The judge also condemned the late Robert Maxwell as a fraudster — the only such ju dicial statement on record plundered pension funds to keep his empire alloat and

To ensure fair trials for Maxwell criminal-case defen-dants, newspapers were able to report only Mr Justice Mil-Kevin of having lied to hanks. Kevin did not give evidence in this hearing, there was no jury and the judge's comlett's finding that the banks Credit Suisse, Lehman Brothers and Swiss Volks-bank could keep proceeds of S91 million pledged to them by Robert Maxwell. ments have nothing like the weight of a criminal court The DTI inspectors, John

Thomas QC and chartered accountant Raymond Turner. now represent the only sur-viving Crown inquiry into the affairs of the Maxwell empire, which was sunk by a £425 million black hole discovered in pension funds eks after the tycoon's death

They were charged specifically with looking at the Mirror float. leaving the Serious Fraud Office to investigate pension-fund and asset related issues, and City supervisors to examine regulatory

in November 1991

Along with Montagu and Salonion, the broker Smith New Court was an adviser to the float: it has since been bought by Merrill Lynch. None of the parties was able to comment last night on the

pointed in June 1992, armed with Section 432 (2) powers under the Companies Act, allowing them to investigate a company when fraud, misfeasance or any illegal purpose is suspected. They have been able to demand answers to questions and have been given Section 442 powers to name those with a financial interest or a controlling posi-

tion in a company.

Now, with the last prospect of criminal charges ruled out, the DTI team is preparing to publish its report.

# low regulators. The 90,0000 savers in the

Alex Brummer

N the turbulent world of investment banking, where single derivatives or foreign exchange trade can wipe out tens of millions of pounds in the blink of an eye, fund and asset management has long been considered a safe, reliable source of income.

It is this element of safety, together with the prospective global growth in the pensions market, which has led investment banks - including BZW, Morgan Stanley and Commerzbank of Germany to concentrate expansion in

this area.

But can fund management be regarded as low risk any longer? The Bank of England and other financial regulators, in a significant shift engendered by the huge hole discovered in the accounts of Deutsche Morgan Grenfell are moving swiftly to quan-tify the risk involved in what used be regarded as an investment backwater.

The constant pressure for better performance which drove the sacked fund manager Peter Young to the edge at DMG, before he was dis-missed in the past week for gross misconduct", has raised the profile of fund management to new heights.

Moreover, investment gurus such as Tony Dye, the cautious manager at PDFM, an offshoot of the Union Bank of Switzerland, are being cas-tigated by clients for switching a proportion of their funds into cash to protect in-vestors against the vagaries

In the frenetic stock market atmosphere, performance has become everything — the safety margin provided by cash and fixed-interest investments is seen by some observers as a lost profit opportu-nity — rather than sensible esset management.

The Young affair shows, however, that the regulatory ssumption that asset management is a safe husiness with no possibility of system-Difficulties in a fund management group have as much capacity to cause havoc and collapse as the more gung-ho aspects of investment banking, such as derivatives.

N the past, the Bank of England, which is responsible for supervising investment banks based in London, has assigned a low risk probabil-ity to the asset management ectivities of financial con-

adopted by the Bank (in the wake of Barings), the risks associated with fund management activities are to be reassessed on the grounds that they could put parent banks, and potentially confidence in the financial system, in

A report by Arthur Ander sen, which was adopted by the Bank in July, proposed a new approach to banking supervision based on risk as-sessment. Bank supervisors would spend more time visit-ing institutions, to get a bet. ing institutions, to get a bet-ter understanding of the quality of management and the characteristics of the busi-

as Nick Leeson did to Barings | parent.

in London — an employee of an overseas subsidiary. The Bank of England's new ap-proach is designed to gain a better understanding of such risks and to relay them to fel-

three DMG European trusts have been fortunate. As a result of previous difficulties at Morgan Grenfell, which was swept up in the Guinness scandal of the late 1980s, the once-illustrious, independent merchant bank is now part of Deutsche, which has one of the banking world's strongest balance sheets.

Following discussions between the Bank of England and the Bundesbank's supervisory arm in Berlin, Deut-sche agreed to do the right thing and bail out investors in an exercise which could eventually cost the German owner up to £500 million in investment losses and compensation to investors.

A run on a unit trust group is not that different to a run on the bank: once confidence in the fund's performance and integrity has been destroyed, investors demand to redeem their holdings, creating a

Dut Morgan Grenfell has not been alone in expe-riencing problems. Ear-lier this month, one of the most blue-blooded of UK merchant banks, Robert Fleming, was forced to acknowledge widespread malpractice at its long Kong fund management associate, Jardine Fleming, as a result of activities by a

rogue trader.

This meant the Flamings group was required by the fund management regulator limro to pay a £700,000 fine and compensate investors to the time of \$12.4 million. the tune of £12.4 million.

This problem came hard on the heels of the tragic death of Amschel Rothschild, heir to the NM Rothschild London sanking empire, who reportedly committed suicide after the Rothschild fund management group he had been running had moved into loss in a generally profitable industry. Until the Deutsche Morgan Grenfell affair, it was generally assumed that a free-standing fund management

company was without risk. Thus, there were no voices raised when the UK's largest and arguable most successful fund manager, Mercury Asset Management, divorced itself from SG Warburg shortly be-fore the merchant bank was absorbed by Swiss Bank Corporation.

The originator of unit trusts in Britain, the M&G group, with some £16 billion in funds under management, has only £179 million of share-holders' capital behind it.

Both M&G and MAM are scrupulously and prudently managed and supervised. However, the Morgan Gren-fell affair has demonstrated that any fund management group — without a rich parent behind it — is poten-tially a systemic risk, should there be an accident and loss of confidence.

If a fund manager went down, huge redemptions PEP industry would be felt, leading to liquidity difficulback.

sibly, is taking a new look at the risks in those asset management companies which are part of larger financial fit within its regulatory juris-

As for the free-standing In the DMG case, Mr Young fund managers, it is perhaps bore the same relationship to time for them to start looking Deutsche Bank in Frankfurt | for a continental or American

# 2,500 insurance staff at risk in Lloyds deal

ONCERN was growing last night over the fate of thou-sands of jobs following the disclosure that Lloyds Abbey Life is set to become a fully owned subsidiary of the Lloyds-

The announcement which came as Lloyds an-nounced a top board-level reshuffle — is expected to spell bad news for the insurance workers in the group, with back office rationalisation and other cuts expected to follow the

men look

Irish tige

The bank refused to comment yesterday on likely losses. But it confirmed the widespread expectation that Sir Brian Pitman, the present chief executive, is to become chairman and Peter Ellwood, a deputy group chief executive, is to move behind Sir Brian's old desk. The Bank of England gave its approval to the two

appointments.
Lloyds-TSB already owns 62 per cent of Abbey Life, but yesterday it put paid to "heightened speculation" over its intentions by announcing it has agreed in principle to buy out the mideal will value investors' holdings at 685p per share. There is speculation in

the City that Lloyds could sell part of Abbey Life in an attempt to eradicate the overlap between its opera tions and those of the TSB's nsurance arm, which it inherited following last year's takeover of the rival

But a spokesman for Bifu, the banking union, said: "It could be very bad



The judge said attempts by Maxwell companies to argue that the banks ought to have known the shares were not

the tycoon's to pledge were "doomed to failure".

Only now - after Thursday's halting of all criminal-

court action against Kevin Maxwell and other defen-

dants — can the full judgment

be reported.
Mr Justice Millett accused

Robert Maxwell of having

Opwardly mobile . . . Peter Eliwood (left), new chief executive of Lloyds-TSB, and Sir Erian Pitman, who is to become chairman PHOTOGO

more than 2,500 staff in the

TSB insurance arm and Abbey Life could be af-fected.

The City, meanwhile, welcomed the deal as "com-

tial for back office cuts and reduced development costs," said one leading an-

He maintained that one of the main issues for the

been braced for big job losses since the takeover of the TSB and are forecasting cuts of up to 10,000 staff

concerned about the future of the staff in the insurance areas."

Mercial logic" and hoped to see cost benefits coming about the future of the staff in the insurance see cost benefits coming accure cost savings appointments at Lloyds. According to one broker.

According to the union, "There has to be a poten-overs. The unions have "It's got to be good. It's the wood, aged 58. He was forbest possible combination. Sir Brian, aged 64, is ex-pected to be a "hands on" chairman, having been chief executive of Lloyds

merly chief executive of the throughout the group. chief executive of Lloyds stitution the There was little surprise for 13 years. Leading inves- Lloyds group.

TSB. But there had been concerns over his experi stitution the size of the

# Clearer gives staff last word on works council

Industrial Staff

LOYDS-TSB, the only one of the main clear-ling banks which has failed to establish a works council, yesterday said it was prepared to consider its on if staff and unions asked it to do so.

The stream of big British corporations rushing to set up works councils before a legislation continued to communications with its

swell yesterday. Barclays unions and staff, and saw no necessity to set up a works of other companies to agree council. The bank employs to establish a council yester day, two days before the deadline to put in place worker consultation on cross-border issues.

Any multinational with more than 1,000 employees the group would have to esmust set up councils if 150 of tablish a forum for consultaits staff are based in two or more EU countries. Lloyds insisted yesterday that it had established good

necessity to set up a works council. The bank employs some 72,000 staff in the UK mostly in Germany and Spain.

A spokesman admitted, however, that after Sunday the group would have to estion if its staff requested that, suggesting that the bank was not prepared to countenance a legal challenge over the issue.

ever was another of the large companies to establish a council yesterday.
Unions said the trend meant they were establish-

ing a powerful role in company decision-making. Labour portrayed the rush to comply with EU law as an

The Anglo-Dutch con- eral union, said his organisa- success of works councils sumer products group Unit- tion had signed agreements within the UK, in the teeth of with 45 companies and was negotiating with a further 35 ahead of the deadline. Mr Edmonds said the Gov-

ernment's opt-out showed it was "hopelessly out of step". Ian McCartney, Labour employment spokesman, said British firms were realising that social partnership

within the UK, in the teeth of government opposition, shows that the Tories are not only isolated in Europe, they are increasingly out of touch

Among other leading firms which have signed agreements this week are the car-maker Ford and textiles company Courtaulds. Sains ernment's social chapter optout.

John Edmonds, general
secretary of the GMB gening out with the Tories. The

was the way forward.
bury said yesterday it was following suit even though.
under the terms of the EU
legislation, it did not need to.

# BA moves to ground USAir claim Merrill braced for Stagecoach

Keith Harper Transport Editor

RITISH Airways today Burged a US judge to throw out claims made against it by its partner, USAir, which it accused of suffering from "corporate In a motion before a New

York court, Bob Ayling, BA's chief executive, said: "We regret that USAir has brought these proceedings against us. There is no basis for them and we believe that this is not an appropriate way to conduct business between mem-bers of an alliance."

The motion to dismiss the claim, filed in the southern district court of New York, argues that USAir's petition shows only that its new management is "disappointed" that BA is seeking an additional partner in American

Mr Ayling says it is free to do so under an agreement with USAir in which it has a 24 per cent share. BA's submission states that USAir has resorted to "an artifice to conceal the obvious deficiencies in its pleading." It adds: | companies that BA is sup- | kept USAir advised of its deal- | could ask for."



complaint reveals that, as a matter of law, all of USAir's claims should be dismissed." BA states that USAir has been unable to identify a single provision of the 1993 agreement between the two

ment apparently bopes to es-

cape its obligations under the

investment agreement and to

achieve a more favourable

Mr Ayling says that BA has

In dispute . . . BA chief Bob Ayling 'regrets' partner's action

"Even modest scrutiny of the posed to have broken. HA also complaint reveals that, as a claims that USAir's manage-

ings with AA BA wants to maintain the alliance with USAir if the larger merger with AA goes ahead. BA's move demonstrates the increasing distrust each partner has of the other, which is unlikely to disap pear even if the proposed merger with AA collapses. BA maintains it has fully briefed

USAir on its arrange with AA in a way which would strengthen its position in the United States. BA may launch a legal challenge against the Govern-ment's decision to impose new noise limits at Heathrow,

Stansted and Gatwick from the beginning of next year. The limits are marginal and would only affect 12 per cent of older aircraft landing at the three airports. BA is carrying out an internal review of the extra costs of landing, which

decision had been made, al-though its chief operating officer, Alistair Cumming, is quoted in Flight International as "assessing the situation and looking at options. A judicial review is one thing we

BA said last night that no

# Orange charges goes offshore

Mark Tran in New York

ERRILL Lynch, the Wall Street power-house was bracing it-self yesterday for formal charges of security law viola-tions stemming from the bankruptcy of Orange County, one of California's richest counties.

Merrill, America's largest securities firm, and several of its employees have been notifled by the Securities and Exchange Commission that they could face charges over whether they made adequate disclosures about their secu-

Notification is standard procedure by the SEC and is designed to give potential de-fendants a chance to argue be-fore the commission why they should not be charged.

Orange County filed for bankruptcy in December 1994. after its investment fund lost agree to include Explorer \$1.7 billion (£1.1 billion) in in-with their machines and vestments that included derivatives. Merrill sold accessible to users.

\$14 billion in securities to the investment fund and underwrote hundreds of millions of municipal bonds for the county.
The SEC has concentrated

much business with Orange County. At the time of the bank-ruptcy filing, the pool man-aged by Orange County treasurer Robert Citron held \$20 billion in securities. \$14 billion of which was bought from Merrill, which made in one year alone at least \$242 million from deal-

on Merrill because it did so

ings with the county.

The Justice Department has begun an anti-trust inves-tigation of Microsoft over the marketing tactics for its Internet browser, Microsoft In-ternet Explorer. Netscape. Microsoft's arch rival in In ternet sofware, has accused Microsoft of offering PC makers discounts on the Windows 95 operating system if they make Netscape Navigator less

HE smallest part of Brit- | on a 25-year lease ish Rail's passenger op-erations — an 8.5-mile line on the Isle of Wight was yesterday handed to Stagecoach, the bus and rail operator's second rail fran-chise win in less than a year, The Island Line is one of 25

The island Line is one of 25 pieces of BR's passenger network being sold off by the Government, which is giving Stagecoach an average annual subsidy of £1.86 million over the five-year life of the contrast In the first year. the contract. In the first year, it will receive £2.01 million, declining to £1.75 million in the final year. The Island Line, which em-

ploys just 44 people, is the only regional franchise which has its own track and signal with an annual pass ling, obtained from Railtrack revenue of £230 million.

The line connects with mainland services through ferry links between Ryde and Portsmouth. Stagecoach said it would

not be reducing the line and would introduce a residents travel card, giving local people a 40 per cent reduction on off-peak fares. It has promised the franchise director, Roger Salmon, that it will increase passenger volumes and punctuality.

Stagecoach, Britain's largest bus company by market capitalisation, secured its first franchise in December when it was awarded the contract to run South West Trains, the largest of the regional franchises let so far,

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	Canada 2.0775	Hong Kong 11.70	New Zealand 2,1540	Sweden 10.11
	Cyprus 0.7010	India 55.36	Norway 9,8025	Switzerland 1.863
	Denmark 8.8125	Ireland 0.9385	Portugal 233,50	Turkey 135,708
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# Anticipating the mango

Carmakers are changing gear to serve the 'empty nesters' demanding more fun, says CHRIS BARRIE

otally orgas-mic" is how Jaguar chair-Nick XK8, the 2-seater sports car which will do a shade under 160mph when no one is

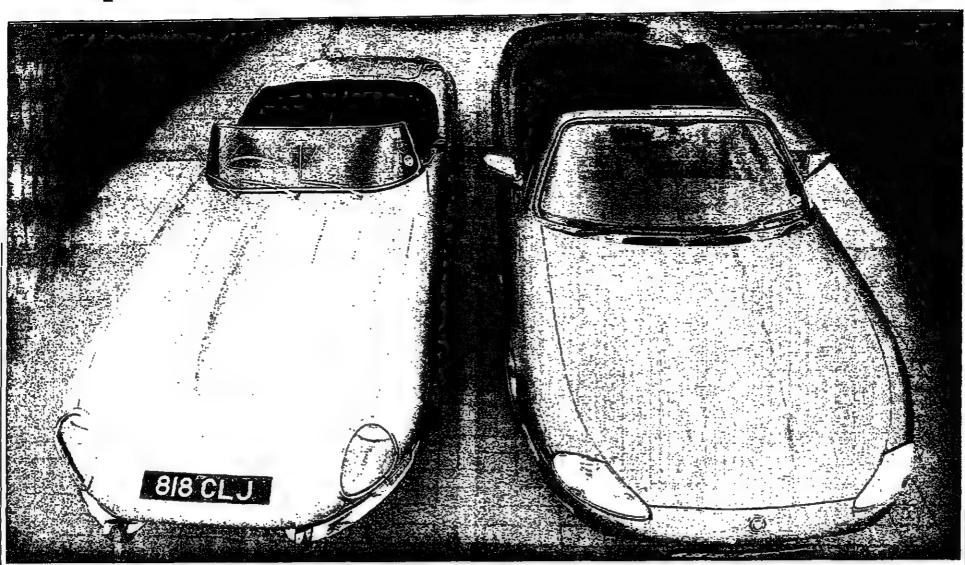
Warming to his theme, the American likens the sensuality of the E-Type's successor to eating a mango del Manilla, the king of mangos. "You'll al-ways take the long road, go cross-country rather than on the motorway, with the XK8." He draws back from saying

the car is actually better than sex. But Jaguar, now owned by Ford, clearly believes that it has developed a stunning £47,000 supercar that will generate as much excitement as the E-Type once did, burying forever its hapless past as a British Leyland subsidiary. The company is not alone

in turning to the sports car to

achieve classier status. Tomorrow Rover is holding the first birthday party for the MGF, its stylish but far cheaper sports car. The cele-bration, to which all 6,000 UK buyers have been invited, will highlight Rover's effort to car manufacturing and into the more profitable world of

Other companies are rush ing new products into the sports car market too. Flat



the Spider, Porsche has launched the Boxster, Mazda has revamped its successful MX5, and BMW and Mer-cedes-Benz have launched skirt-hitching Z3 and SLK convertibles respectively.
At the top end of the mar-

ket. Aston Martin has roared past its previous sales record of 591 cars — set in 1966 with 723 sales last year. The

even higher performance ver-sion of its DB7 and talking of extra production capacity. is awash in stylish sports cars. Congestion and pollution may worsen, but there

want to have fun. There are straightforward conomic explanations. Official figures released on Wednesday showed that high street sales are booming in a

are plenty of drivers who

car - or, in the case of Aston Martin and Jaguar, one in the

Professor Jim Randle, formerly Jaguar's engineering director and now head of the tre at Birmingham Universi ty, compares the revival of the sports car to parallel surges of fascination for clas-sic motor bikes and 4x4 vehicles. "What matters is what

matter to sports car makers they say about you. These because the open-topped car cars are never driven propis usually a second or third erly. It is how they make you feel that counts." Professor Randle adds that

society's collective guilt about the car may be diminishing. Having heard fore-casts of the death of the sports car due to speed limits and then seen speed-orientated car design and advertising in the 1980s. Prof Randle suggests that drivers are again enjoying the simple pleasure of the wind on their faces.

John Kiff, a senior researcher for the International Car Distribution Programme at Cardiff Business nesters" men and women whose children have left home. "They are stress relief machines," he says. Jaguar marketing director

Phil Cazaly says this "reward factor — having brought up the family, now I want a toy" — will be important to the XK8's success. Buyers also have to be, and are, su-premely confident about priorities. Discarding the usual compromises, XK8 buyers want two seats and 156 mph. The car is a statement.

Fine marketing, but will it work? And will it last?

NLY 10 years ago manufacthat cars made no commercial sense. The TR7 and the MGB had foundered on the rocks of BL's finances, US emissions laws and appalling build quality. MG owners saw their marque tacked on to Maestros and Montegus.

Sports car enthusiasts turned to "hot hatches", par-ticularly Volkswagen's Golf GTI and Peugeot's 205 GTI. Built on the same production lines as their pedestrian sister models, these hatchbacks were cheaper to develop and make, they outperformed the traditional sports car and

they had four seats. But then came the rising sun of Japanese car company Mazda. A specialist in producng cars for niche markets, Mazda decided there was a market for the traditional sports car and its MX5 proved them right. More than 10,000 have been sold in the UK since 1989 and this year could

et a new record. But the sports car revival has to be kept in perspective. Michael Garside, an econonist at the Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders says today's sports cars repre sent only a fraction of the car market. In their heyday,

**Drivers** are once again enjoying the simple pleasure of the wind on their faces

sports cars, especially British | car. Sports cars are less masones, accounted for a much larger market scare. An indication of that legacy is the size of the MG Owners' Club which, with 50,000 members. is thought to be the world's

largest single marque club.

And the new car market is very different Women buy more cars and have a greater say in the choice of family

Mr Cazaly says: "What appeals to people is the exterior styling. If the car is gorgeous, there is no difference in its appeal to men and women, More than 30 per cent of XK8 sales should be to women compared with 30 per cent for

# Worth a test drive . . .

Aston Martin DB7: £82,500. Bond favourite updated. inder 3.2 litre engine. Top speed, 165 mph. Acceleration. seconds. Add 27,450 for convertible.



£18,010. Car that convinced everyone Sports cars were worth making. Recently revamped 1.8 litre engine. Top

speed, 123 mph. Ac-

mph in 8.6 seconds

celeration. 0-60



Family resemblance... The lineage of the £47,000 Jaguar XK8 is clear from the legendary 1962 E-Type Series 1 convertible to its left at Jaguar's Coventry plant With a 4 litre V8 engine, top speed is 156 mph and acceleration 0-60 mph in 6.4 seconds

PHOTOGRAPH: STEVEHOL

tinction between the cheaper sports cars and the luxury ones like the XKR. History shows that the "roadster" market is cyclical owing to the demographics of the car buying market. If the past is anything to go by, the market will peak in three years and could leave manufacturers jostling for falling sales:

By contrast, luxury sports car sales have been steady for some time and dominated until now, by Mercedes and Lexus. The market is steadier because extremely rich people tend to be unaffected economic downiums though they may not want to be seen spending in hard

Jaguar hopes to tap into sharply better productivity and quality levels, to make good profits. This explains the XKS's mix of high perfor-

But it may be that the eco nomics of car manufacturing have now changed enough to ensure that the sports car is here to stay, cheep or expensive, falling sales or

rof Randle says flexible manufacmercially faasible volumes of 5,000 to 10,000 units a year, for sale at be-tween £10,000 and £25,000. These are far smaller production runs then were leasible in the days of large, dedicated

production lines.
The largest cost is not the body, but the engine. However, these can be adapted from engines developed for other cars. The secret is to borrow as much as possible from them and be di about cost.

The XKS is in a league but the same applies. It has its own engine and the factory will make about 12,000 year at first. But Mr Sch admits that the car could not have been developed unless the company was part of the Ford empire. Apart from finance, Ford gave Jaguar ac cess to its research and its buying muscle meant suppli ers were prepared to take the company's small orders seriously. Aston Martin says the

It is one of the ironies of motoring history that top marques such as Jaguar and Aston Martin are now dependent on the maker of Mondeos and Escorts for their future.

# **Quick Crossword No. 8237**



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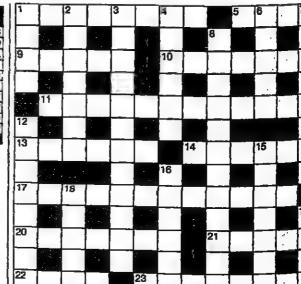
9 Seat -- procrastinate! (5) 10 Cupboard -- ministers! (7) 11 Street with Bank (12) 13 Make wealthy (6) 14 Amble (6)

20 Mistake (flower!) (7) 21 Charge to account (5) **22** Jug (4)

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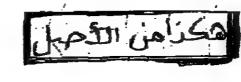
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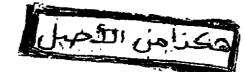




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# The Guardian

Mark Lawson heard God calling him to the priesthood. And he heard the siren call of the girl in the pew next door. In the week when the world heard of another bishop found wanting, he looks back at the hormones and hesitations of...

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# The boy who would be Pope

THINGS had turned out differently I might have written, this week, not a Saturday arti-cle about celibacy in the Roman Catholic Church but a Sunday sermon on the same sub-ject. Except for the strong possibil-ity that — like former Bishop Roddy Wright of Argyll & the Isles - I would, in fact, be breaking off to pen a billet-doux to a divorceé of card to my secret teenage son. But the better of the vocation before

ordination.

Like many pious young Catholic males, I was mildly urged towards the clergy. My mother would have been proud; my father — who, despite his own success, had a brooding sense of the insecurities of existence — advised that it was one way of never having to worry about employment or accommoda

tion.

Family pressure and a fear of the outside world's competitive structures are, I would guess, two of the major lures to ordination. The third catchment area — poor working class boys, especially in Ireland, where the Church operates, rather like boxing, as a finan-cial parachute — did not apply in

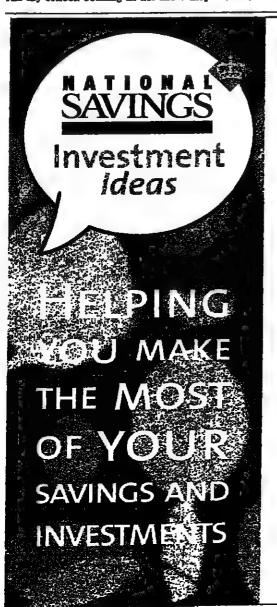
of the community and praying for guidance, you were interviewed on the final day by the Director of

All applicants for jobs they might not want prepare a plus-and-minus ledger. On the positive side was the fact that teaching, all still possible under the cloth. There is a theatricality in religion

that sex — another major aspira-tion at the time — would have to remain a pipe dream or, indeed, a wet dream. However, I was suffer-ing unrequited love for a girl at the local church and clearly remember thinking: this will show her. There was, it is now clear, an error of logic in this operatic locking-up of what she hadn't wanted any-way, but it seems certain that at least some young men do take holy orders to spite their hormones. The Catholic Church's problem

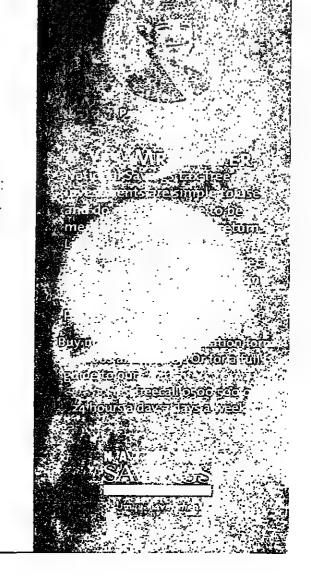
in this area is that most of its The first step for those who thought they might have "heard the call" was to spend a week with the religious teaching order which ran my school. Joining in the life





SELF-ASSESSMENT IS APPROACHING, so I'm interested in simple tax-free investments. Any ideas?

James Glover, Bristol



ATTENTION

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rectheart after a famous

agreed to marry his

58-year romance?

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(allegodly)?

2. Who didn't give the

3. Post and about this

week (below), Who?

#### Them on them

The global view

Let us stop giving Bossi such importance, both as the enemy of the Motherland and as the apostle of its redemption. And let's leave him to his ampoules [of water from the Po] and his proclamations of an independent Padania. In the Italian Denmark there is a great deal more that is rotten as we've seen recentlyover which to busy and worty ourselves. Let's not get the wrong target and not change the subject.

All Finns have settled for their own level of

devotion to drink, but only a few know their limits. Let's face it, Finns drink. Finns drink to get drunk. Finnish society exercises no social control over drinking. And so what? Drinking is a tradition, a custom and part of our national characte City Magazine, Helsinio

The Bosmian election is an order just as the Dayton peace agree was ordered by the international community. It is understandable that Bosnia's political will and its authentic goals are insufficiently respected. In essence the Dayton accord key Bosnian problem. Osiobodenie, Saraievo

The British view

I hear some of you vell: "We have ev right to know what kind of sick pervs ere living in our midst and what they're up to." Quite. Some papers are even contemplating publishing a list of names and a list of names and addresses of offenders— why? So that the nearest yoh can give the sicko the beating he obviously deserves, the No thanks. That might satisfy the mindless few but it has no place in a civilised

Prayers of the Roman Catholic World have

paper has been subjected journalists with the same brush. This is not the way The Oban Times

The discovery of gold under parts of the Pennines could bring a rush of prospectors to the area. Farmers are ire trying to cash in. are trying to came in there is a real danger of "Klondikers" invading The Burnley Citizen News



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THIS not hist the Labour Barry that first the Labour Barry that firsted a shade this this week. Creation hiself transport a staunch flory basic And, Auspeckness, espirate from the serie example of splanning, political arteritising, dustried arteritising, dustried arteritising. party-contentors.
Creation itself: Wall as good as Astronomics of Director University succeeded, using Action investigation of alternates in painty.

graphing three galaxies space that the light from them has taken 10 billion; years to reach us. Apart from being the earli-

est event ever witnessed the scientists were surprised to find the galaxies were coloured blus when they should have been or ange or red. It was the second time in a couple of months that a cosmological bombehall bas een dropped at a cobyealent time for some prossic.

earthly concern.
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So how did the Conservative Party don't How did Smith Square Sec-coed where even Pepsi Cols failed when it tried eather in the year to make us think hine to celebrate the blueing nue to constant the algent of the redesigned cuttle. It is one thing to score a public relations point by surreptitiously projecting an alvertising trage on to

building of Paul's Cathedral and Buckingsan Palace lieve this year bear nestinged with least bearing made in Wisca bearing a south Leaston metabolish

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But rehranding galaxies is of themself unified light years away is in a different dimension. The was less stone promote They arvertising man there are plotting the last This tion comparing as he suggested by the principal successful in the principal successful successful in the principal successful suc

That brew of chemicals and erganisms which gave birth to life wasn't even thought of in the year BC 10 billion. It's probably coincidence fact the is colour of the

week. It's been a relatively good one economically for good one economically for our bine government; Madame Vasso, Fergie's tell-tale psychite, showed us the film healting pyrumid under winch the Duchess received predictions; even football's Silves — Chelses — are in campant form.

Come to think of it again, it is odd, these signs cropping up just as the conference sea son and election compaling starts. We don't suppose for one minute, do we, that the Big Guy Upstairs (not a mil-lion miles from Durbaan University's ir na blue galax-iesy is working as the lestial fory spin docting

do not understand or know

Greg Ryerson, spokeman for

the Church of Scientology

YES"Christians get free publicity on radio and television

every day, and so do politi-

cians. Why shouldn't other liura have the same freedom

of speech, so long as they

pay for it, and so long as we have the same freedom

Nicolas Walter, humanist

and director of the Rational-

NO "We can not begin to express the

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nuch about it."

5. Who vanished (again (a) Llam Gallagher (b) Stophen Fry (c) Peter Korry 6. Whose lift home finally

arrived after 188 days?

7. Which flight of fancy cost £60 million?

8. A smoker emits sk olfs an attache 20. What according to the EU, is an

crew into their home to complain about press intrusion? (a) The Windsors (b) The Majors (c) The Archers (d) The Maxwells

10. Who called for round -clock drinking? (clue: not Tony Adamsi.

11. Whose gravy train hit the beffers?

12. Who was described es a "self-hyped personality\*? a) Vinnle Jones b) Llam Gellagher c) Michael Jacks

13. What does this hadge



under Stack; Apotror advertised on TV. What

15, Whose production of Qui a Pour de Virginia Woolf? opened in Paris? (a) Jonathan Miller (b) Trever Nunn (c) Peter Brook (d) Eric Cantons

#### Us on us

been going out to Bishop Roddy Wright. This news-

This week last year:

September 18 1995

YEAR ago, the double life of Brian MacKin-

non came spectacu-

larly to light. Aged 30, he had

been so desperate to qualify as a doctor that he returned

to his former school, Bears-

adopted a new identity as 17-

fifth year unchallenged, although several teachers at

the school had taught him 13 years previously His mother,

with whom he lived, had no

idea what he was doing. By the time he was unmasked he

had studied at Dundee Uni-

versity for a term, dropped.

money, and was planning to

broke the story, although his beatmaster, Norman

McLeod, had let him know

that the truth was out two

weeks previously. Reporters walted outside his mother's

and sister's bouses, whiling

away the days by filling their papers with speculation

take up his place again in

out when he ran out of

October 1995. MacKimon was in

den Academy in Glasgow,

vear-old Brandon Lee and

passed five Highers with straight As. He travelled through the to a barrage of calls. Many often tar all we go about our busines being ever mindful that community and know how we would like to be treated if we did something that made the headlines.

ad was in a class of his own although many publishers were interested, all declined to publish his account. He

Wonder of the fifth form . . . Brian MacKinnon

about his relations with his classmates. He came back on Autember 28.

When we were waiting to board the flight, I saw a chap smirking at me as if he knew mctly who I was," he recalls "Then I picked up a paper and realised why It was a

bizarre experience."

MacKinuon became the tion. He gave interviews to the Herald newspaper and BBC Scotland. The Dean of Medicine at Dundee University Professor Denis McDe-vitt, gave him a week to explain himself. He explained through the pages of the Herald. McDevitt was

After the fuss died down,

he was left as an unemployed 31-year-old. No medical school would look at him. He spent two weeks in the utumn and two in the spring writing a book with the aim of persuading any medical school in the world to offer him a place. Meanwhile be the same flat in Whitehurst,

The book, Margin Walker, gives a fuscinating insight into his thinking, but fails to exploit the story's extraordi-nary nature. MacKimoon was represented by the literary agent Giles Gordon but

sold his story to the Mail on Sunday for £50,000 last July, on the understanding, he says, that they would be serialising the book. What appeared was an

interview spread over two weeks which culminated, to Mackimnon's frustration, in an interview with Profes Brian Jennet, Dean of Glasgow University's medical chool — the man MacKinnon blames for his original failure to finish his medical course. The money, however has been useful: Margin Walker will be published by Minerva Press, at a cost to its author of £4,000, next spring. There has been talk of a

Hollywood film. MacKinnon has not given up yet. "I can going to be a doctor," he said last week. "I don't want to sound arrogant, but I was an A student all my life and I think I have mic. I know I have something to contribute."

His strongest ally, Norman McLeod, his beadmaster at Bearsden second time round, who had offered to write him good references, died sud-denly last month.

# THE VERDICT CULTS ON THE BOX

**Should Scientology** be allowed to advertise on TV?

NO "Scientology repre-sents a group that have been described by a high court judge as corrupt, sinister and dangerous. How on earth can we now allow it to advertise? if an organisation can be seen to be potentially . harmful to individuals and society as a whole then surely we need to accordingly! Ian Howarth, of the Cult

Information Centre. much this because religious advertising is a relatively new concept in this country. There has

been lots of misinformation about the church of scientol-

ogy over the years and like any new religion it is opposed by people who

and former members themselves are concerned that the advertising will persuade people to become involved with an organisation that in their experience can not be trusted. Their fears are based on the adverse effect tion has had on their lives Richard & Bonnie Woods. former members of the church of scientology

who have now set up

Recape, which counsels

people who have been involved with the group.

14. One "5" word was

Answers on page 24

# The boy who would be Pope

i page 13 gins for ever, so that they are not actually giving any-thing up. Yet, ordained and older, they suddenly discover them-selves unexpectedly attractive to women. In fact, confusingly, their cassock proves to be not a "hands

There are women who derive There are women who derive particular erotic excitement from trying to unpick the moral padlock in which priests are held. I cance heard of a worshipper in her thirties who was allegedly responsible for the sudden removal of a series of young curates from a Catholic parish. Beyond that, the breakdown of family life has, paradoxically meant that a priest faces far more temptation than the average man.

The comforting of vulnerable and upset women is a process which needs to be handled with some care in secular life; a priest some care in section the; a priest these days may be faced with a succession of female parishioners seeking support; both of former Bishop Roddy's lialsons seem to have started in this way.
Thus, logically, Catholic ordinands should be older men, who

have known sexual temptation and experience. But the sex club is one from which few willingly resign once they have been admitted to membership. We prospective ordinands

looked to our cassocked teachers for clues as to how celibacy might be tolerated. In what seemed to us a fantastic joke, those members of staff who were permitted sex lives were even known as "lay staff". Certainly there were isolated members of the order who revealed a certain torment. There was one lesson in which the

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was one lesson in which the teacher, asking the class the cor-rect term for the feminine puden-dum, rejected "vagina" and commended "devil's gateway" as the term of choice. But this incldent merely served to make women seem even more exciting. Western Catholicism is currently engaged in negotiating legal and financial settlements with thousands of children sexu-ally abused by priests. Coinciden-

tally, the Scottish Church announced this week the appointment of "childcare officers" in every diocess. But, thankfully, the men who taught me did not seem subject to that blot on their promises. The pressure on their celibacy was heterosexual.

A teacher would fail to reappear at the start of a new term and we would be told that he had - in what was obviously an agreed code — "gone to work among the poor in London" or was "on a retreat". On an advance, more like — for the departed master would generally be spotted a year or two later in the local shopping town, browsing triumphantly in Mothercare with an alumnus of the neighbouring Catholic girls'

othool.
On the last afternoon of my stay

his study. He asked if God had called me, and my reply was that I couldn't be sure. We talked about the gifts of the religious life and its limitations, especially celibacy. On this, he said the wisest words on the subject I've ever heard: "In the end, it's largely a matter of biological luck. Some men are not very interested in ser men are not very interested in sex.
Some are even nearly neuter: They
make the best clergy. Otherwise,
it's very tough. We don't give ptils or operations".

Finally, glancing down at a folder, the director said: "You would be a good teacher. You could priest. I think you want to be Pope". This was blushingly true, for at

frequent intervals during the week I had visualised myself on a balcony in a dove-white soutane, blessing the world in 70 tongues. There is talk of the Catholic Church bringing in psychological profiling to weed out week would be priests, but that man did bril-liantly 17 years ago with simple intuition. He saved my life. If only young Roddy Wright had held a similar conversation. For it

long celibacy is an unnatural condition, except to those with an unusually low flow of hormones. Abstinence is perhaps easier for nuns or monks who are, though to a lesser degree than before, iso-

seems certain to me now that life-



with the community, the vocations director summoned me to his study. He asked if God had

preach fine sermons. Perhaps even write works of [pause] popular theology But I think you would find cellbacy very difficult. And — I say this kindly — I am not sure that you want to be a monk or a



lated from the display of the world's possibilities. But a priest is, in a particularly cruel way, chained outside the window of the shop at which he's not allowed to spend: most Saturdays, a couple pledging their bodies to each other, most Sundays, someone else's baby in your arms. How can

there not be regrets?

Even the Pope said on Thursday that the ideal, though necessary, might seem "virtually impossible to live up to". What does he mean?

sexually inactive clergy are in a minority? The usual clerical defence of

priestly celibacy — that it makes a pastor available to his flock without distraction - is undermined by the revelation that the celibate Archbishop Winning was "unavailable" to speak to his dis-tressed blshop on the day he disappeared. In fact, the Church's denial of priestly sex - like its opposition to the ordination of women - is based on gender ter-That the Vatican has a black book of other episcopal scandals? That cellbacy equates to cleanliness

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and, furthermore, the female to | Pomp and holy circumstance as

An old priest once asked me, with a shudder, how a man "could celebrate the eucharist with hands that have just touched a woman intimately"? But, as Graham Greene and others have pointed out, prior defecation and urination are no bar to the celebration of the mass and, as we now tragically know, there are priests who have faced a congregation next to the altar boys they have molested.

Even so, the solution may not be es simple as some have suggested.

The abolition of priestly celihacy seems to address two of the Church's central problems; the shortage of priests and the potential for private hypocrisy and public scandal created by the no-

sex rule.
On the first point, there is no doubt that ordinations would soar | went L

bishops meet in Rome . . . priests get television series. popes publish books PHOTOGRAPH: CAMERA PRESS

but the apparent removal of a PR problem would actually create another one. For the possibility of sanctioned sex for prelates raises the possibility of priestly adultery priestly divorce and priestly contraception. Imagine the fervour with which the mod-ern invasive media would pursue the Pope's wife or the Pope's daughter.

So licensed sex in the presbytery would not end scan-dal, though it would reduce the terrible human sadness of the kind that has been revealed this week. But each story of a spoiled priest makes me think: there but for the lack of the grace of God

# Duet in perfect harmony

Iris Murdoch and John Bayley still make a fine team. But just now, she's suffering a slight block



Professor John Bayley promptly appears at the window, chewing baked beans. "Come in, come in my dears," he exclaims, opening the front door and waving an oval piece of toast. "I find beans just the thing for lunch don't you? We're not lunch people, we're dinner people, that's when we eat properly so come in come in"

Former than a which we can properly so come in come in."

He whisks us through a chaotic hall, past a vast, unsteady pyramid of books and into the most eccentric drawing room I have ever seen. There are heaving carrier bags spilling their paper guts across the floor, old stones and sticks, wild piles of books and papers which look as if they may have reproduced on their own the state of the control of the state of the stat gian Green and though it is mid-day it's dark, the window unintelligible to the light because of the fig leaves outside creeping across

As we sit down, Dame Iris Murdoch spirits herself gracefully into the room, and I suddenly notice there's an abandoned glass of red wine tucked away under each arm-chair, as if perhaps in case of

and friendly and although I have already explained on the tele-phone, I explain again that I'm here because there are rumours she has given up writing for good. It is not the easiest of questions to ask such an intelligent and prolific author, and I am worried she may think me rude for even trying. But

out to appear

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To my huge relief she smiles. "Well, I'm trying to do something, but, it hasn't, well ..." and then "Just a bit of a block I think,"

interrupts Bayley, her husband of 40 years, cheerfully. 'Yes, it's not, well, I certainly

am trying," she replies. question one of the finest writers of her generation, to date producing 26 novels including the hugely acclaimed The Sea, The Sea, The Black Prince and The Red And The Green. Her last book, Jackson's Dilemma, was published in hardback last autumn, but nothing has followed. Has she suffered from this kind of block before? "I think this is a very bad one," she

savs absently. 'It has occurred before darling. says Bayley, leaning towards her reassuringly. "You've had periods of lying fallow, as one might say, rather like a field. Because what is really rather extraordinary about you darling, if I might say, is that you don't mind being interrupted, and you don't keep pompous writ-ing hours. You simply write when-

ever you feel like it."
"Perhaps," she says flatly.
I wonder if she still reads a lot? "Yes, I do." And do you still en-

joy writing when you can?
Well, I enjoy it, when I've found a way out, as it were. But um, otherwise ..." and she smiles wanly, almost apologetically Otherwise I'm in a very, very bad, quiet place."

We are all quiet for a moment before Bayley says to her: "In the past, because of your philosophical mind perhaps, you've tended to get the whole novel worked out in meticulous detail haven't you? It's almost darling, if you don't mind my saying, like a mathematical theorum. The whole thing worked out in advance."

She falters. "Well I..."
"I keep suggesting she should start, in the way an ordinary person would do. You know, Tom and Dick were sitting in a pub, and who should come in but Harry." "Oh, but I'm afraid I can't do that," says Iris quickly. "At the moment I can't find anything."

Bayley, who retired as Oxford'sWarton Professor of English four



The Dame and the Professor . . . 'I enjoy writing when I've found a way out. But otherwise I'm in a very, very bad, quiet place,' says Murdoch

years ago, heads off to make coffee. 'I feel gloomy,' says Dame Iris gently. Does she think this will pass, or is it simply old age?
"I think I just haven't yet got anything which will help me." she whispers, adding bravely: "I expect something will turn up."

Did she find it difficult to live up ordinary to her reputation? "Well, the books I've written in the past I've done quite quickly, and known what to do and been geared up by them. But I'm afraid at the moment that I'm just falling, falling . . . just fall-

I hope so.' There is a copy of Conversations With Isaiah Berlin lying open at ber feet. What else is she reading at the moment? "Um, well, quite a lot of things, but I haven't found anything which would be really useful to me. I find I haven't got anything at the moment, and this really rather startling to me. I feel as though maybe the whole thing has packed up. But I hope, I really do believe actually, I could get on and find myself in a happier state, but I don't think so at the very moment. I'm just wandering. I think of things and then they go

ing as it were. But I may get better.

away forever." Bayley returns bearing a tray with a pottery jug of coffee, and to make room we remove another tray smothered in old corks, crisp autumn leaves, several pebbles, old notes, a large stone and some photographs. "Simple but

'i keep suggesting she should start in an way. You know, Tom and Dick were sitting in a pub'

'Oh, but I'm afraid I can't do that,' says lris guickly

effective," says Bayley, nodding at the jug, "as long as you don't mind a few grounds in the mouth!"

"You must pour," says Iris, pat-ting his arm. "You must pour." "Pour? Oh, I though you meant paw!" And he starts scrabbling at the air as if he's a cat, and we all laugh. Their relationship is not only touching, it's still fresh and young, making sense of what mar-riage is for. How, I ask, do they

apend their days together?
"Twe slipped out of the university now," says Iris. "But I do every day try and collect something or other to myself." Then she gives me a beautiful, generous smile. "Your arrival may help me." "I wouldn't be surprised," says

Bayley, spooning two sugars into each mug. "Sometimes pictures start her off. We went to the National Gallery yesterday.

"I do *tike* pictures," says Irls,
"We discovered yesterday, didn't do is go in the Orange Street entrance, because you arrive among just the right sort of pictures to warm you up. Instead of being suddenly confronted with these ghastly old masterpieces, there are some very nice Dutch portraits, charming." He beams at the memory and distributes a packet of McVitie's half-coated digestives. "One must have the dark chocolate, the milk ones are not the same. Is the coffee all right?" I abandon my list of prepared

questions and ask Bayley about the trilogy he's been writing since he retired."Oh it's rather frivolous," he says dismissively. 'Tm not a natural novelist like Iris. The third one, George's Lair, has just come out, but it can't be described as

making a big splash."
"Oh it's jolly good," protests iris loyally. "It's absolutely good." 'It's quiet, narcissistic entertainment for me," he explains hur-riedly. "I suppose I might have taken to woolwork!"

I wonder what they make of the current vogue, where just about everyone seems to be writing a novel? "It's partly the new femi-nists," says Bayley, brandishing his biscuit, "who are, quite rightly, wanting to find out who they are— a faintly ridiculous phrase I know, but there's some truth to it. I had a pupil who said 'I've written a novel

to find out who I really am'." Dame Iris laughs at this and he continues. "Writing means you do catch an insight into your limita-tions, but [nodding at Iris] I don't think you bother about who you are at all darling. In fact you once said to me you didn't think you had much of an identity!" "Well yes," she nods. "At present

"Your identity goes into your

Writing came immediately to me," says Iris suddenly. "I had a wonderful education, I went to excellent schools [Badminton] where

friend of Michaelangelo's brother.

they knew what was possible. And as time went on, I knew with pas sion when I finished a novel that wanted to do the next one Then she stops and remarks clearly: "I am in a place from

which I am trying to get out." We all pause, nonplussed, until Bayley eventually breaks the silence by asking me if I have written a novel. I confess gloomily that I haven't.

"It's well worth trying," he says encouragingly.
"Try and find the time," says
Iris. "Do. Do."
"Henry James found it solitary.

but then he would wouldn't he?" Bayley giggles. "He thought you had to make a choice between living and writing. But I'm often struck by how Iris isn't the least bothered about whether she should live or write. And you never seem to mind giving it up for a bit. You did that book on philosophy. I sometimes quite resent that book,

because it interrupted the novels." "Oh I'm at peace with that," says Irls dismissively. "I don't know whether I should write another non-fiction book." She looks at me kindly: "I'm afraid you've arrived in a low situation."

"This is American style coffee, says Bayley suddenly. "They make it weak over there so they can drink it all the time." "I don't feel we're getting any-

where," says Iris. We wander out to the garden, an

uproarious spread of wild mint, goldenrod, Michaelmas daisies and some old cut flowers, still in their vases. "I was very lucky," says Iris as Bayley disappears into the kitchen. "I met a man I couldn't say 'no' to, and I couldn't be per-

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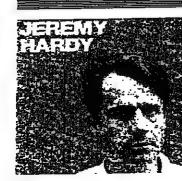
suaded to throw him away,' He returns with a flat cap on which he insists on wearing 'for without it, I look like Humpty Dumpty". Despite Dame Iris's current problems, they seem utterly at ease with each other. "We've done all the things we want to, and now we just have a quiet life," says

"Actually ..." begins Iris. "Yes, you're more restless than me," concedes her husband. And I wonder if they missed having children? Tris has never shown the slightest interest in being a mum," says her husband.

"And I'm not sure, but you could say the best women novelists didn't have children. Jane Austen, George Eliot ... I mean the really

top notch ones." As Iris poses obediently for pho-tos, he beckons me over to the kitchen table, where there appear to be two of everything, two honey pots, two mustard pots, two jam pots and seven jars of coffee. "We've been to see doctors you know and they say the old brain's very crafty. It can come up against a block and for a bit things seem a bit strange, but then it finds its

way around things again."



A wing, a prayer and a quick fix

hierarchy must have spent the week rubbing their hands with glee — pretending to be praying if anyone saw. For it has been a bad week for Catholicism, the Church of England's main rival in the market for Christians Catholic priests now appear to be largely responsible for the growth of single parenthood in the last

The C of E can feel fairly confident that it will not face a similar crisis, as there has never been a problem of widespread heterosexuality among the Anglican clergy. Moreover, marriage and children are actively encouraged, especially, Dr Runcie tells us, for those clerics who are not heterosexual. The C of E therefore seems to be the more progressive denomination, as there are less things you're

not allowed to do. And yet, up until recently, not allowing people to do things was the strength of all great religions. Fear and abstinence were guiding

lights. A heavenly father who said, You kids do what you like, but keep the noise down — I'm trying to watch evolution" just wouldn't have any clout. No doubt the rules were always broken, especially by those implementing them. As with civil government, it has never been considered important that those in charge obey their own rules, or even that their under lings expect them to; the rules simply have to be seen to be there. A bishop was like a Tory MP, he could be going out with the House-hold Cavairy, so long as he didn't

make a song and dance about it. But at some time, a spiritual need developed for religions which allow people to do more things. while still feeling religious. New religions, reviled as cults, were set up, many of them requiring only that believers put in a bit of chanting and a lot of their own money. The established religions got

really annoved. The people pouring most derision on Scientology this week were

not the secular-minded but the Christians. Anguished parents told heart-rending stories about osing children to cults. Having been indoctrinated with Christianity all their life, the child then fell victim to "brain-washing techniaues".

I have no particular wish to defend Scientology. I know very little about it, apart from the advert, which appeals for "trust" in several languages; "trust" being a word which means charitable status. It's not hard to see its attraction. Scientologists don't be-lieve in God, but believe we are all innately good people who have souls but need a bit of expensive therapy - all of which sounds eat to a film star who's life is a

little empty. They also believe in re-incarnation, an idea which has always appealed to those with big egos. If anyone claims to have had a previous existence, it is always as someone famous, never a part-time cleaner at one of the pyramids or a

And when they come back in the future, it will be as an eagle or a dolphin, not a tortoise or a slug. In any event, what a great week for the Church of England, when it appears less hypocritical than the

l grew up believing Jesus was English and that he only ended up being crucified because he didn't like to say anything

Church of Rome and less mental than Scientology. The fact that the C of E shares with Rome a creed which espouses all manner of bizarre propositions, need not inhibit Anglicans from feeling quite pleased with themselves.

To add to the pleasure of the stablished church, the Welsh have been brought into line on the does not accept women priests because Jesus only chose male disciples. I suggest Jesus's rationale was that women would bave a harder time believing his rather extravagant claims, having met many men who think they're

God's gift. So Rome, whose priests can neither marry nor be women, looks pretty medieval by comparison with the C of E. Its rules on divorce and birth control don't help. And yet the Catholic Church is still not in the same state of decline as the C of E, probably because it still has more mysticism and more structure. It's a proper, old-time religion; Anglicanism isn't.

I grew up in the Church of England, and it seemed to involve believing Jesus was English and that he only ended up being crucified because he didn't like to say anything. It is, literally, the Church of

the establishment. Its blessing is given to adventures like the Falklands and the Gulf, and it is tied up with the monarchy. So it is hard to see its role as more progressive than that of the Catholic Church, especially since its basic tenets are the same. It is superior only in status --- and because its bishops are better fathers. It may be wrong to assume that

all Christians are prone to feelings of superiority, but rest assured that most of the letters provoked by this article will conclude: above all, we feel sorry for you and are praying for you." The rest In embracing a faith, we seek elevation. All faiths involve believing things that are highly implausible and trying to abide by impos-sible rules. There are inevitable failures, and those who suffer most are those seeking not only elevation but comfort. For all religions exist to be the opium of the people

— except possibly the C of E, which

is the paracetamol.



Emma and the fondly imagined age of innocence

other day and I pondered So how about a spot of the how sex was not only unmentioned, but rarely even im-plied in Jane Austen. The sight of the gorgeous Gwyneth Paltrow, her Wonderbra heaving, her as-tonishing neck, like Alice after scoffing the bottle marked "Drink Me", must have had Mr Knightley in conniptions. At the mo-ment she accepts his proposal, you know exactly what he must be thinking, and it has nothing to do with companionable evenings

reading by the fire.

Mr Knightley is 37 and unmarried. Would he have gone to prostitutes, or pleasured himself only with humble village girls? Or did a lot more of it go on among the middle-classes than anyone wrote about? Writers of every age write about what they believe are fit subjects for literature; for instance, anyone reading many modern British novelists would be astonished to learn that people

in late 20th century were some-times polite to each other.

So would Mr Knightley really have said: "Miss Woodhouse, surely you cannot have remained insensible to the deep regard and most tender affection which I have entertained for you during

IT'S PUZZLING that people are so upset about the new, silent champagne cork which the French have devised. Only vulgarians and racing drivers fire the cork like a rifle, spilling up to a pound's worth of champagne. A wise old imbiber once showed me how to open any bottle of sparkling wine. You turn the cork firmly and slowly so that it eases gently out of the bottle with the merest, the softest sibilant sigh, like, as he put it, "a duchess

"NEVER TRUST anyone called Simon." has long been a motto of mine, and with some exceptions. it's served me well. The other day we went to the comedy club round the corner to catch Harry Hill and to check out the relative un-knowns, some of whom we shall hear a lot more in the future.

But our pleasure was spoiled by the obsessive laughter sitting behand us Seized by the notion that comedians don't care about being heard, only about the quantity of noise made by the audience, he began his braying laugh long before each punchline, then continued well into the next joke.

Glowering stares and even straightforward abuse didn't stop the grinning, gibbering poltroon behind us. The comics themselves got annoyed and started to pick on him. This increased his pleasure and made him laugh louder.

Two teachers wrote that pupils of theirs had excused a sibling's absence by saying, 'He's well ill, Miss'

Finally Harry Hill demanded to know his name. Suffused with pride the maniac stood up and shouted "Simon!" No doubt he was rewarded with some crushing one-liner. But I did not hear it. I was covering in a foetal position, horribly ashamed of that name.

WHATEVER the Vatican may say

priests are on their way. Perhaps this is unsurprising, as more and more sex has come to resemble a religion. At a time when few people believe in the afterlife, sex offers us a purpose for our long journey through this vale of tears. Almost every magazine (and no

doubt soon Popular Caravanning) contains earnest articles about how to worship at this shrine. Like the devotional literature young Victorians were supposed to read, these pieces ("Seventeen Ways to drive your man wild"; "What she really wants in bed — how to be her greatest-ever lover"; offer idealised versions of the Sexual Life. Instead of being told to model our-selves on Saints Theresa or Sebastian, we follow that couple in The Lovers' Guide who, thanks to the perfection of their teachings about The Carnal Path, always achieve

The church raught that life lived in the absence of Christ was meaningless: magazines, newspapers, even the TV now tell us that life without sex has no purpose. No wonder priests want their share of

THANKS for your letters about changing phrases, especially on the use of "well" to intensify adjec-

tives, as in "well happy". Two teachers wrote separately to say that pupils of theirs had excused a sibling's absence by saying "He's weil ill. Miss".

CURIOUS social events at the coming Labour Party conference. The Ramblers' Association is holding an all-day ramble, on normally forbidden land owned by the Duke of Westminster, and wants MPs to join. The notion that they will leave what promises to be the bloodiest conference in years to go for a walk even in the Forest of Bowland, is so ridiculous it's rather sweet.

Then on the Thursday, Mrs Tony Blair (or "Cherie Booth QC" as she signs herself) is to host a tea party for MPs and their spouses.
"As the election draws closer," she writes anxiously. "I cannot help but remember what past election campaigns have been like." The tea. in the Imperial Hotel, is an opportunity "to share thoughts, fears and strategies for the tough few months ahead." This is excellent. It sounds like a delightful occasion. But it does rather scotch the plea that Mrs Blair should be left entirely alone because she is, in some mysterious way, above

spend money better, as the elector

ate — battered by 22 new Tory taxes since 1992 alone — is entitled

If we deliver all that is in the Road To The Manifesto, this will be one of the great reforming

Labour governments. You may disagree, but surely the least we can all do is try to get into a position where we can put that

thesis to the test. Does it really help for you to undermine our

own people's morale and hopes by telling them in advance what a waste of time it all is?

AS SOMEONE who had responsi-bility for running the GLC's billion-pound budget. I can assure

you it is never easy to call for higher taxes! While I agree with you that income tax on ordinary

families is too high, why not be

honest and say we will increase

tax on earnings over £50,000 pa. Given that investment in Britain

is at its lowest level since 1955 while dividend payments have quadrupled since 1979, why not

propose investment incentives and

a dividend tax to force Britain's

financiers to invest more of (our) money here. We could create a

Could I also appeal to you to

tackle the intolerant attitude of those around the leader to any

dissent with the idea of vesting all

power in him. During the farce of July's shadow cabinet elections.

officials from Peter Mandelson's

communication unit gave anony-

mous media briefings that it was time to bar Socialist Campaign Group MPs like Alan Simpson and myself from even being

I represent one of the most de-

prived areas in Britain. I have

watched with frustration as

Labour's leaders threw away our

chances at the last four elections. I

don't want us to repeat the errors

the bright young officials now run-

ning the party seem ignorant of the lessons to be learned from our

IT'S pretty sterile to keep debating

who lost Labour the last four elec-

tions. Let's just say that your vi-

sion of history and mine are some

distance apart.
As for the Shadow Cabinet elec-

tions, the real question is not why

someone allegedly wanted to stop you standing (which I think is

pure fabrication). It is why you decided not to stand when there

was absolutely nothing to stop you

doing so? Perhaps the result would

not have been terribly impressive and there would then be no con-

But why on earth are we discuss

ing Shadow Cabinet elections?

get on with the job of returning a

Labour government. In between

faxes, I've been opening my mail

Here's a letter from two teachers

expressing frustration about coleagues who have inflicted own

goals on us this summer: "They

have little regard for the millions

spiracy theory to hide behind.

Yours affectionately.

Dear Ken.

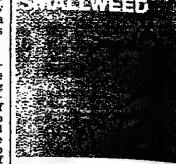
history.

We win when we are radical, as

million jobs in five years.

Yours fraternally,

Dear Brian.



ELIBACY, as some have learned to their cost this week, is a difficult concept. As the Guardian pointed out at the start, though others still haven't noticed, it simply means not being married. It doesn't mean abstaining from sex. Thus among thewords it has spawned, celibatarian means favouring celibacy, and a celibatist is a professed supan means tayoning contacy, and a celibatist is a professed sup-porter of celibacy. On this basis, as I understand it, Bishop Roddy, for all his adventures, deserves to be classed as a celibate celibatarian celibatist. What he isn't is

SEE THE government minister Ann Widdecombe (a recent Catholic convert, and Small weed's outside tip, by the way, to manage Manchester City) is being maligned for downplaying this week's revelations. But that is due to her broad historical sweep. No doubt she's been trawling back to Pope Damasus I in 366-384, whose taste for the company of wealthy ladies earned him the nickname

"The Matron's Ear-Tickler." Some of his successors, I fear, did more than tickle ears. Some were openly married, like Felix III (483-492), who was buried along-side his wife and children. Bonj face VI (896) had been twice un-frocked before he came to the Papacy, once for immorality; but we need not worry too much about him since he died of the gout after

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Far worse was John XII (965-964), imposed by his father Prince Alberic II of Rome when he was just 18. He was still in his early twenties when he suffered a stroke while in bed, it was widely asserted, with a married woman.

and died soon after. The sins of some 15th and 16th century popes were far too enor-mous for listing here. Plus II (1458 64) before his accession had fa-thered several children and written erotic books. Julius II (1503-13) was the father of three and Paul III (1534-49) a father of four. The champion, perhaps, in very tight competition, was Alex-ander VI (1492-1503), the number of whose progency is not precisely stated even in the Oxford Dictionary of Popes. But one of them was the subsequent Lucresta Borgia (Smallweed's outside tip, by the way, to manage Manchester

An ecclesiastical correspondent writes: How typical of your column that you only find room for accesssastical news when some scandal rears its head! Have you nothing more salubrious?

Smallweed wearily ripostes: Very well then. What about a few lines from The Tablet? I have recently seen the following reported in its salubrious pages.

A Dominican and a Jesuit have gone to a retreat. The Dominican asks its director: do you mind if I smoke while I'm praying? The director replies: certainly not. Bl the Jesuit asks: do you mind if I pray while I'm smoking? Of course not! says the director. (This is one in a series of Dominican/ Jesuit jokes. The Tablet's series, not

EANWHILE there's the curious case or the about the present Pope's curious case of the outrage visit to Paris, which some seem to find incompatible with the proudly-guarded secular and ratio nalist traditions of the state. I simply ask the trouble-makers this question: Is it not the case that the President of France is automati-cally an honorary canon of St John de Latran in Rome, regardless of his personal beliefs? How can that be squared with your impertinent anti-clerical thunderings?

An ecclesiastical correspondent vrites: That's a bit better.

LIKE my children to have a sense of security" --- novelist and Sunday Times columnist A A Gill, in an interview for the Relative Values series in that newspaper.

"I'm a greater believer in positive divorce" — ditto, explaining why he ditched his second wife and family to go off with the actress Nicola Formby (Smallweed's outside tip by the way to manage-Manchester City).

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ESPITE the way he fell from grace and the vice-presi-dency, I always thought that Spiro Agnew, who died this week, was in one sense an honest man. He was once subjected to obloquy for referring to a reporter as: 'that fat Jap". A more devious man would have claimed he had been misheard, and had merely said "that fat chap", which though admittedly circumferalist, would have been rather less wounding. That he didn't fall back on that lefence earned diminished the mountain of his offences in Smallweed's eyes by at least a mo-

HOUGH largely ignored by the British media, a remarkable test match is taking place in Colombo. Among the Zimbabwe XI are two players called Flower, two players called Strang, and two called Whittall, I challenge the Association of Cricket Statisticians to tell me when this has happened before. And just in case they can do so, I throw in this further challenge. All this has oc-curred in a match where Srl Lanka are fielding W P U J C Vaas (Smallweed's outside tip, by the way, to manage Manchester City). Pive initials: even more than the old Essex and England player J W H T Douglas. Name me a previous test match in which both these exceptional features have coincided. Any offers? I thought not.

# Whose line is it anyway?

Has the Labour leadership become a Stalinist clique? In an exchange of faxes, Ken Livingstone MP calls for power to the people, while **Brian Wilson** MP says winning the election must come first

#### Dear Brian,

IAVE always believed that It is better to judge politi-cians by their deeds rather than their words. All the recent talk of democracy in the Labour Party leads me to recall those eastern European regimes that constantly protested their democracy while imprisoning dissidents: true democrats do not have to keep declaring their

The latest stage in the emasculation of the Labour Party is the proposal for a referendum on Labour's manifesto. The leaders' policy advisers have cobbled together a bland and imprecise statement of aspirations that they intend to bush through the annua conference next month by relying on the loyalty of the trades unions block vote so close to an election The so-called modernisers' contempt for democracy and the party they now dominate is most clearly revealed in their decision to ban party members and unions from proposing or voting on any amendments to that manifesto.

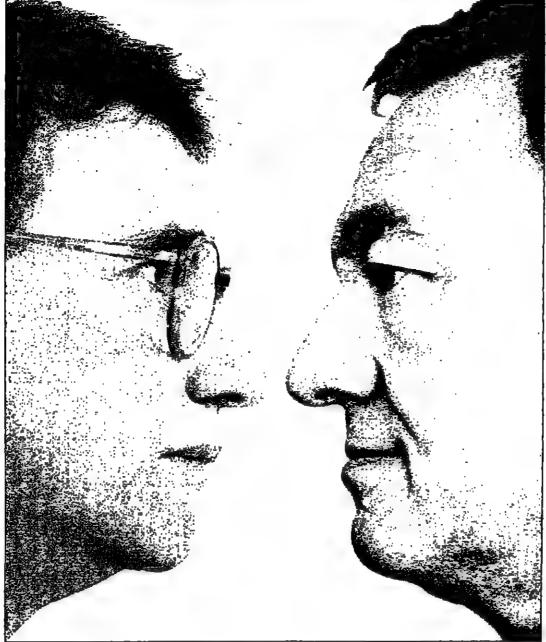
Opinion polls show that the pub-

lic is ready for a much more radical policy than Labour is proposing. Yet from Kinnock to Blair, their so-called reforms have never been about making Labour acceptable to ordinary voters; their real purpose has been to make Labour acceptable to unaccountable powers-that-be both in Britain and

internationally.
Thus, while Labour's leaders reduce the party's members to mere spectators, Tony Blair flies to Washington to reassure Clinton that a Labour government would not challenge US imperialism. While Gordon Brown warns mil-lions of ordinary people they cannot expect Labour to continue to pay child benefit for the over-les, Blair files to Australia to reassure Rupert Murdoch we sn

increasing his taxes. The plain truth is that all the so-called reform of the Kinnock/-Blair years has been about trying to prevent ordinary people from using the Labour Party as a vehi-cle to defend themselves against the interests of organised capital, Yours sincerely,

Ken Livingstone. MP for Brent East



Best of comrades . . . Brian Wilson, left, and Ken Livingstone

# Dear Ken,

AS YOU so rightly say, democracy is a highly subjective word. You confirm this by adhering with undiminished affection to an era when Labour conferences were dominated by block votes and the general election manifesto was cob-bled together at dead of night after

the date had been fixed. What we now have may not satisfy the most demanding definitions of pure democracy but it's certainly a hell of a lot closer than what we used to have. There is nothing in the Road to the Manifesto which is not drawn from policies approved by conference. Every member of the party has had the opportunity to contribute to

both the debate and then the synthesis As a public entertainment for our opponents, a conference devoted to debating endless amend-ments would doubtless be a triumph. As a contribution to the return of a Labour government it would be rather less helpful.

And who. I wonder, would vote on all these amendments once they had been conferred upon. You already dismiss the National Conference because it is tarnished by the "loyalty" — dirty word, that — of trade unions. So do you recom-mend another round of constituency meetings and perhaps then another conference, as the election

Incidentally, I note with interest vour complaint about the trade union block vote, even in its much diminished form. Can I take this as endorsment for the view that we should move as rapidly as possible

to One Member. One Vote?
I was startled by your claim that the aim of the Labour leadership has been to make us "acceptable to cious wage freeze that we saw the need to consider how we could

unaccountable powers-that-be' rather than to "ordinary voters" Ken, have you not noticed that we have lost four elections at the hands of "ordinary voters"?

My own sadness for the past 17 years has not been over Labour leaders' treachery. It has been over their lack of power.

Yours fraternally, Brian Wilson MP, Labour campaigns spokesman

# Dear Brian.

ALTHOUGH you complain about the imperfect way in which the Labour conference operated in the past in drawing up our manifesto it was certainly more open to influ-ence by party members than the present position. Our problem in those days was that Labour leaders would often tend to make lastminute changes at the start of the election. Now Labour's leader nobbles the process before the Confer ence gets to it.

The reason you are not prepared to trust the membership with any real power to amend the Leader's document is that you fear they might radicalise it. Your commitment to freeze public spending in real terms would be overwhelm-ingly deleted if we were allowed to vote on it. There would undoub edly be commitments added to de fend the welfare state and to work for the return of full employment

You point out that we have los the last four elections but you don't seem to be clear about why that is the case. Support for the Labour party never fell below 40 per cent in the post-war period. It was only after the Wilson government of the 1960s tried to introduce anti-union laws, and imposed cuts in public spending and a perniLabour's support halved. Labour wins when it is confident radical and inspiring to the millions of people who look to us to improve the quality of their lives. If you look at the last election result, you will see that Labour received more votes from the middle classes but less from the working classes than ever before. I wonder whether you have learned the lesson of why we let the 1992 election slip through our fingers.

# Yours sincerely,

oly of wisdom about why we have lost four elections, I feel reasonour worst result since 1931 because enough!

I remember after that election Tony Benn writing to the Guardian to say what a triumph it had really been because 8 million people had voted for a truly socialist agenda. Unfortunately, he omit-

Anyway, this is all backwardlooking stuff. We have a draft manifesto which makes radical commitments on a national minimum wage, restoration of the right to union recognition, cutting class sizes, abolishing hereditary voting

# Dear Ken,

WHILE I don't claim any monopably sure that 1983 didn't give us the manifesto wasn't left-wing

Hopefully we won't have to engage in them for another 20 years if we ted to mention that 13 million had voted for the Tories.

rights and a great deal else. Surely we are under some obligation to point out that a higher proportion of average incomes now goes on tax than in 1979? That should provide us with quite a lot of leeway to re-order priorities.

It's easy always to call for more public expenditure based on higher taxation. But that evades

of people who need a Labour gov-ernment. What is happening to the education system fills us with fore-boding both for the future of our own children and those we teach." Isn't that one letter more significant than all the internal stuff put together, Ken? Well, isn't it? Your constituents and mine don't want a Labour government as an op-tional intellectual extra. They need it — and it is our inescapable duty to give them it, and then make it Yours in eternal hope,

BY GARRY TRUDEAU

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# Eat, drink, while you can

# Richard Thomas detects a healthy dose of cynicism as we splash out again, 1980s style

RIDAY lunchtime in the heart of the City and the derivatives trader is getting wist-ful. "In the old days, of course, there would bulance people outside this wine-bar at the end of the lunchtime drinking session, waiting to

"Still", he admits between sips of champagne, "things could be worse." indeed the throng of pinstripes around him reckon things are looking decidedly brighter than just a few months ago.

Retro-hints of the late eighties boom are sprouting everywhere: champagne sales are up by 30 per cent this year, garages are going for £40,000 in Chelsea, the stock exchange is gearing up for a massive 10th birthday party of Big Bang next week, headhunters are stalking the boardroom again and Tesco is selling kangaroo steak. The high atreet is husier than at

any time for the last seven years. and consumer confidence is at the highest level since 1988, the year that Nigel Lawson put his potent tax-cut fuel on the economic

Conspicuous consumption has returned with a vengeance. Chris Drury, manager of upmarket estate agent, Century 21, based in London's Kensington, says the mood of the late eighties property boom is definitely back. "Money the West End, Sarastro, is boidly

is cheap, prices are going up and the market is moving," he says.

Gazumping is becoming common again: Drury has just seen one property fought over by eight potential puchasers. "The energy and the vigour are there again." He has just sold a small flat to a buyer from the Far East for \$200.000.

Eating out is also back in fashion, cigars are in vogue with stylish men and women. Even the Government says booze is good for us.

for us.

It is all a far cry from the first half of this decade, heralded as the caring nineties when we would all eat well, exercise more, build family nests and fret about the environment. British Gas's launch last week of a new credit card, with a goldfish loop. goldfish logo — said to symbolise this softer, more sedate period — shows how out of touch the firm is with current trends.

Alan Lewis, editor-in-chief of Eat Soup, a new magazine aimed at people "who'd rather spend £100 on a meal from Marco Pierre White than on a lawnmower", says the early nineties experiment in asceticism was doomed to failure. "We tried it for a a couple of years, and decided it was bloody boring." he says. "People aren't embarassed to spend their money now. We're all a lot more

Lewis reckons that Eat Soup, whose core belief is that too much of a good thing is wonderful, could soon overtake the 100,000 copies o the BBC Vegetarian magazine. It's a clear sign of the times. Down on Sloane Street, a favourite barome ter of consumption trends, the fashion outlet Nicole Farhi, has sensed the shift too. Assistant manager Lisa Bardell savs: "People are spending again, and on the pricier end of the range. Young girls supported by their parents, wives funded by rich husall splashing out on clothes."

The new hedonism extends to women taking their clothes off, too. The explosion of men's magazines with women in varying degrees of undress is a signal that the political correctness of a few years ago is disappearing along



Conspicuous consumption . . . even the Government says booze is good for us photograph kippa matthems

# Spend, spend, spend



for the last two years. It's a buyer's market. Our prices range from about \$22,000 for a lined garden pool in

in, say, Mayfair, Tony Line, the London Swimming Pool Com-pany Limited

"Business is up 30 per cent in both orivate and business sectors. There's been a steady increase in businesi marking a climb out of recession — the future is Bernard de Satis, Gastro"Our sales are steady and very good, not booming like the eighties, but vary stable



But now the cigars are coming back out. Our made-to-0012 ta trata stride enuseem Simon Hobb, Turnball &

'Yes sales are climbing nicely, The feelgood factor is

creaping back cautiously. Beluga Caviar is £1,700 a

Suzie Boeckmann, The Caviar House

decked out like a Roman-Egyp-tian-Victorian brothel. Diners sit with a reclining nude behind them, and a mummy with enor-mous and curved phallus to the side, presumably in an attempt to distract them from the food, which is horrible.

distract them from the food, which is horrible.

But the City boys certainly welcome the new openness. They spend their lunchtimes entertaining ordinarily reserved clients in strip bars and their evenings in places like Bar Etrusca — dubbed Bar Orgasm, or by the less sophicated, Bar Spunk (for reasons too sordid to record).

"All that politically correct nonsense has gone, thank God." says one reveller. "It's party time again." Even though the glass-throwing days of the 1980s are gone, the rowdiness index is creeping up — and the women

creeping up — and the women aren't about to be left out. Their answer to the racks of laddish mens magazine is Minx, which shouts about: "Life: Enjoying it. grabbing it by the throat, lusting after it."

This is the crucial difference be-tween 1996 and 1986: Then, the collective splurge was driven by economics, now the rationale is one of partying in the face of

In the late 1980s, wages were soaring, unemployment was turn-bling, house prices were growing by 20 per cent a year, and borrow-ing was at an all-time high. Today, the growth of pay packets is a measly 3.75 per cent a year and the dole queue is shrinking painfully slowly. The biggest difference is the absence of inflation—this economic upturn is the first since the 1920s, when growth has not been accompanied by rising prices.

Jonathan Loynes, an economist at City brokers HSBC Markets, says there are almost no economic parallels with the last recovery. "That was a real boom," he says. "This time we are seeing a boomlet at the most." let, at the most."

But Loynes says there's a dan-ger that the Government will mis-read the headline images of a yuppy renaissance as a re-run of the late 1980s, and impose an unnecessary period of austerity. Be-cause the wounds of the 1980s boom-and-bust are still fresh, a boom-and-bust are still fresh, a workaday economic upturn could be dressed up as another creditfuelled period of madness. Because the party got out of hand last time, they might close this one down before it gets going. Fortunately it is unlikely to happen soon. Although the Bank of England would love to call a balt, the Treasury will not put the brakes on by raising the cost of borrowing or taxes. The Chancellor, Kenneth Clarke, has his eyes

lor, Kenneth Clarke, has his eyes on the impending election.

"Putting up interest rates would be political suicide," says Loynes. We are just not in the same boat as last time around."

Ten years ago, the champagne swillers were celebrating the fact that things could only get better: now they are getting the fizz in while they can, because things can only get worse. In the 1990s, the cigar-smoking, red-meat eating nude-peoling is more a realing, nude-oggling is more a real-isation that such prosperity is a

Geoff Mulgan, head of the independent think-tank Demos, says there is a new attitude to excess "From 40-year-old women going to the Chippendales to 15-year-old girls taking 'E', the acceptability of hedonism has grown.

He says the brief detour into self-denial in the first part of the 1990s belied a longer-term trend towards making consumption as conspicuous as possible. "The 1990s puritanism was clearly not leeply based. As soon as we have

are not banking on a pension or NHS care in their old age. But in-stead of deciding to squirrel cash away to guard against these even-tualities, we are blowing it instead.

"It is a completely irrational, though entirely human, reaction," says Mulgan. In the 1980s, we thought we were in control and it went horribly wrong. Today we assume in advance that wrong: and so drown our sorrows in advance. We are becoming a more fatalistic society."

So the only escape is in the hands of the Gods, or Camelot—the success of the national lottery, he says, is a stark symptom of the fatalistic nineties. Even the over-reported rise in job insecurity feeds into the automat model. feeds into the current mood. For reach person who reacts to the daily threat of a P45 by taking our insurance policies, saving their pennies and keeping their noses clean, there is at least one who blows the whole of their paycheque (and then a bit) on alcohol, cigarettes and drugs.

Two of the City liquid lunchers

Two of the City liquid-lunchers are on short-term contracts in a

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bucket shop share dealer, trading low-value stocks. They are busy getting as drunk as possible before going back to their current workplace. They are so blase about their jobs that they urge the printing of their hated boss's name in the paper. Mr Kent apparently.

But there are at least some people holding out against the new devil-may-care culture. people who are defining them-selves in other ways than the amount of champagne quaffed or type of cars driven. The US trend towards "down-shifting" — swapping a well-paid but shallow job for a poorer but more fulfilling life — has spread across the Atlantic.

So society is becoming frag-mented into two parts: in the first camp, the bedonists, in the second, the recyclers and the poor. This is certainly true of the property upturn, which the big lenders reckon will push up prices by 5 per cent this year and

8 per cent in 1997. In the heady days under Marga-ret Thatcher, wardrobe-sized flats on busy roads were being snapped up. As Drury says: "Back then people were buying absolutely anything. Today's boom is a bit more sophisticated — the good stuff at the top and middle-layers are going fast, but the lower end is still pretty quiet. And the bad buys are simply being ignored."

This is another departure from the last boom, when almost every oody had their party hats on and everyone wanted a piece of the action. Growing wage inequality is part of the story: directors sain ries are growing four times as fast as everyone else's.

Even in the City wine bar the gulf is recognised. Pouring himself another glass of bubbly, the nostalgic trader agrees that life is fundamentally unfair. "If I have a any money, we start throwing it around again."

Focus groups of young people show that, for the first time ever,

# Who else was out to get Amin?

In the week that we learned of Harold Wilson's secret plan to assassinate ldi Amin, Giles Foden reveals the lucky breaks that kept the Ugandan

dictator alive

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The former President for Life as seen by Gibbard

N THE middle of 1976, President Amin was due to attend a police review. By that time the murderous excesses of his reign were well known interna-tionally and his safety in public was considered uncertain. Conse-quently, he had nervously changed the venue of the review four times. eventually settling on Nsambya Police Recreation Ground. The date was June 10. He sat in the covered stand,

figure as inflated as his official title: President For Life Field Marshal Al Hadi Dr Idi Amin Dada, VC. DSO, MC, Lord of All the Beasts of the Earth and Fishes of the Sea, Last King of Scotland, Conqueror of the British Empire in Africa in General and Uganda in Particular. On these occasions, he usually wore a full complement of medals, including a special Vic-toria Cross made up by the London jewellers. Spinks, with his own image replacing the British Liou. When the review was over, amin and the various ministers and army officers retired to a reception nearby. But after only three-quarters of an hour, perhaps still pervous, he set off for State House at Entebbe on the shores of Lake Victoria, a few miles from the capital of Uganda, Kampala. The sun was going down as the dignitaries, watched by the crowds, made their way to their army jeeps

and Mercedes Benz limousines.

Amin liked to drive himself, usually in dark glasses. He took the wheel of the open jeep, telling his driver to move over, and swung towards the gates where more crowds were in place to cheer him. As Amin turned out on to the main road, there were two explosions in quick succession. There was smoke and a faint rain of debris. Then two shots rang out.

The first grenade, it later emerged, had exploded where Amin would have been sitting, had he not taken the driver's seat. It shredded one of the front tyres and - an X-ray later showed - forced an inch-long, needle-like splinter into the driver's brain.

The moment after the blasts was pandemonium. Amin, opening his briefcase, took out a grenade himself, "ready to pull out the pin with his teeth and toss it over his shoulder", as Kyemba recalls. Then he sped off to take the driver

The driver died; Amin survived. On his orders, troops flooded Kam-pala. Citizens were killed and beaten. No one ever found the trus Harold Wilson, it now appears

was willing if not able to assassi-nate Amin. The British Prime Minister had decided that enough wa enough, at a time when Amin's thugs were said to be killing 1,000 people a day. In a television documentary to be screened tomorrow (BBC2, 8.10pm) his press secretary Joe Haines reveals how Wilson ordered the assassination of Amin in 1974-75. He called Haines into his office and sald, "We are going to have to bill bil Amin How do we have to kill Idi Amin. How do we set about doing this?"— only to be told by the Foreign Office that they were "very much against it" and didn't have field operatives capable of such activities.

Wilson resigned on March 16 1976, by which time an assassination plan might well have been in place, had he succeeded in organising one. Already, in early 1975, a car in Amin's convoy had been forced off the road in a botched attempt on his life: it was the wrong car, and Amin was unhurt. One of the dignitaries, according to The irony was that it was the army r Henry Kyemba, minister of health British who had established Amin going?

at the time, said, "They have got | in the first place, tipping the wink him". | at his ousting of Milton Obote in 1971. Former CIA agents report that Britain and the Israeli intelligence agency Mossad actually planned the coup with Amin, though this is unproven.

The British later began to realise their error. In one way or another they had to take steps against this Frankenstein they had created, having provided the former sergeant in the colonial King's African Rifles with vast amounts of military aid and training during the first half of his brutal tenure, which lasted until 1979 and

claimed up to half a million lives.

But they were slow about it.

Even after Amin threw out the British High Commissioner, Richard Slater, following British pro-tests about the expulsion of the Ugandan Asians in 1972, diplomatic relations were maintained, right up to the Israeli "Raid on En-

Other governments also saw in Amin a useful foreign policy tool. The deadly nexts of 1970s Cold War and Arab-Israeli conflict had turned the beautiful country Chur-chill had called "the Pearl of Africa" into a strategic counter in world power-play.

ish was that not long before Amin's coup Obote had sweeter HAT worried the Brit-\*Common Man's Charter", aligning himself with the pro-Soviet or Maoist Frontline states of Tanzania, Zambia and Mozambique. Apart from Kenya, it seemed that the British would now have few friends in Central Africa. Why not rely instead on trusty old Amin, whom in the old colonial days British soldiers had hit on the head (some say with hammers) before army rugby games "to get him Amin, though, turned out to be a murderous buffoon whom none of them could control. This was a man whose security staff used sledgehammers to smash the skulis of prisoners, not to mention Amin's obsession with witchcraft. His bizarre fictional world turned realpolitik into a Punch and Judy show — what hope then of sensible

with Amin these are inextricably, crotesquely linked) would have indeed been limited had Wilson had his way and there been a success-ful assassination altempt. As it was, Amin's reign of terror continued until he was deposed by a Tanzanian invasion in 1979. When asked if he dreamed that

people were trying to kill him, he said: "I dreamed, but it was impossible. They couldn't do it. Becaus know, I dreamed that, I know that exactly: when, how and what time I am going to die, This I know. And which year and which date. All this I know already and it is a secret ... I have said this clear ... And I know exactly that, who will be making something against me. Very soon, I can notice him straight and be can get punish-ment from God straight. Because I work only according to the God's instructions.

Today, he is a devout Muslim. He has slimmed down and dropped his babit of drinking brandy with handfuls of aspirins. He has only one wife and swims daily from his

coastal villa in Saudi Arabia. Apart from cutting off his phone gracious government there seems happy to be his host. After all, rather him than that other former British protégé, Saddam Hussein.

Glies Foden's novel about Idi Amin. The Last King of Scotland, will be published by Faber and Faber



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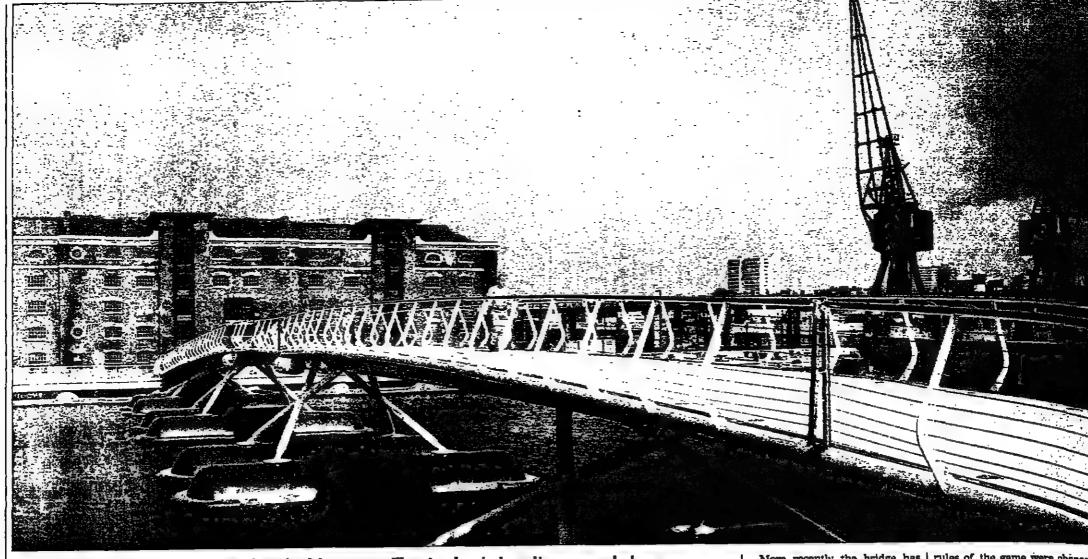
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The Royal Academy's doing it, Norman Foster's doing it, even John Gummer is showing interest. **Deyan Sudjic** accounts for an outbreak of ...

# Bridge mania

ESPITE Norman Foser's headline-hogging essentially egotistical architecture of the skyscraper to centre stage of the design agenda of the 90s, the authentic motif of our times may yet turn out to be the humble

The bridge is a powerful symbol of positive intentions; shining good deed in a wicked world. It's the way that countries meet each other on equal terms, as in the case of Foster's own recent commission to design a bridge linking France with Spain. And it brings areas within cities together too. Not since the 19th century has

London seen such a feverish rush to throw bridges across the Thames. For the first time since the completion of Waterloo Bridge half a century ago, there is a real chance that central London will see the building of a rash of new river crossings. They are crossings that promise to alter not fust how central London looks, but how it works. Combine all the proposed new bridges with the revitalisation of Southwark and Bermondsey that is already well under way and the 2000-year-old inferiority complex of the South Bank could finally evaporate.

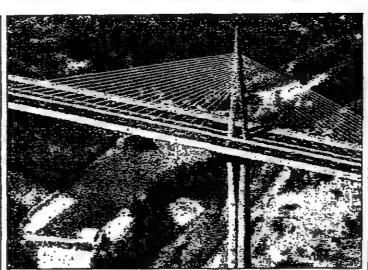
Some of these bridges have as much to do with symbolism as with providing a practical response to functional needs. It is as if the architectural profession is taking the allegedly caring sharing nineties seriously and using the bridge as a chance to make conspicuous amends for the excesses of the rip-roaring eighties. Office block is virtually a term of abuse, but nobody objects to the idea of a new bridge. It's like motherhood and apple pie. And for the architect, designing a bridge has the additional advantage that. though it is seen as just as socially worthy as building an old people's home, there is no need for him or her to curb the wilder flights of creative exhibitionism.

Astonishingly, even John Gum-mer has embraced the idea of recreating Old London Bridge in a contemporary form. He wants to build an inhabited bridge, linking the National Theatre with the Temple Garden, just south of the Aldwych. More immediately prac-tical than Gummer's dream is the ucal man Gummer's dream is the plan for a new pedestrian crossing at Hungerford Bridge. There is also a competition underway to design a high-profile footbridge to link the Tate Gallery's Museum of Modern Art at Bankside with St Pauls. And Will Alson working Pauls, And Will Alsop, working with the artist Bruce McLean and the engineer Tony Hunt, has a startling scheme to build a replacement for the ICA on a sensational steel and glass bridge that would cascade across the river a Blackfriars, in effect creating a new public space that is neither north nor south of the river

This outbreak of bridge mania comes to a peak next week when the Royal Academy opens its spec tacular exhibition on the history of the inhabited bridge, which will show many of these proposals. The Academy has created a river which runs through its classical rooms. At one end is a handsome scale model of Oid London Bridge described by one contemporary as "adorned with sumptuous buildings and stately beautiful houses inhabited by wealthy citizens, com-parable in itself to a little city". At the other are seven designs which attempt to recreate this ancient form, commissioned by the Royal Academy on Gummer's behalf.

Alongside these designs, the Academy's exhibiton, beautifully designed by Nigel Coates, shows great bridges both built and unbuilt, from the Ponte Verchio in Florence with its corridors linking the Pitti Palace with the Uffizi, to the single span Rialto Bridge in Venice, an engineering

The V&A's decision to introduce an admission charge will cost us all dear, says Julian Spalding





Systems' design at Landing. Canary Wharf; Norman Foster's plan for a bridge France and Spain; and Ian Ritchie's entry for Thames Water's habitable bridge competition which will be shown in the Royal Academy's Living Bridges exhibition

MAIN PHOTO:

More recently the bridge has More recently the bridge has been a focus for regular outbursts of visionary speculation, from Willian Holden's fanciful proposal to replace Tower Bridge with a Futurist-looking Crystal Bridge, to Meinikov's Constructivist sug-cection to spay the Seine with a

gestion to span the Seine with a 1,000-car garage. While the Academy is showing a range of bridges that may or may not be built, at Canary Wharf a newly opened pontoon structure demonstrates the positive effect a bridge can have. Designed by Puture Systems, the bridge is a convincing demonstration of new life in this once blighted development, linking its central area to previ-

ously isolated warehouses. It's not hard to see why bridges get a better press than skyscrap-ers. The race to build high comes across as a somewhat simple minded quest for a virility symbol. The bridge, on the other hand — when it is not saddled with egregious toll charges - can be presented as an optimistic, even altruistic gesture. To build a bridge is the most constructive of metaphors. In practice the bridge can indeed have the ability to the cities together. It offers a chance to see cities from a different perspective. It creates public space of a unique kind a viewing point, as well as a route, the tangible evidence of a link that needs to be emotional as well as physical. It provides a direct relationship with water. Indeed, the bridge is one of the few building types whose charms the 20th century has not

managed to completely extinguish. The surprise is that bridge building - certainly in the urban has had such a low profile in Britain since the completion of the giant suspension structures across the Forth, the Severn and the Humber that characterised the sixties and seventies. Perhaps the vacuum was something to do with cut-backs in public investment. But it was also a reflection of a shift in attitudes among the people who actually design bridges. The great 19th century engineers always saw the bridge as a chance to show off their skills. Brunel and Eiffel devised structures which demonstrate clearly just how much of an achievement it is to span wide stretches of water. They looked for slenderness, and the minimum of material. And they produced dynamic, soaring bridges that still stand as a triumphant assertion of the ability of their designers to rise to the challenge of the landscape. In the seventies and eightles, the engineers hung up their

rules of the game were change Instead of showing with muscular tautness every stress and strain involved in carrying a load across a void, arches atrophied into anorexic, flat beams. The success ful bridge came to be seen as the one with the least demonstrative structure. Engineers went out of their way to make bridges that give the impression that nothin

special is going on. The great engine the act of crossing, their succes sors denied that process - just as railway stations once celebrated the act of arrival and departure while the contemporary airport is little more than a shopping centre alongside a parking lot for Jumbos.

The extent to which the world has rediscovered the older meaning of the bridge owes a great deal to the work of the Spanish engineer and architect Santiago Calairava in Barcelona and Seville in the run up to the Olympics and Expo of 1992. Calatrava went back to the first principles of bridge design, devis-ing new ways of giving them the strength and stability they need with the minimum of material Though based on mathematical principles and analysis, Calairava's bridges have the organic look of naturally occurring forms — the suggest animal skeletons, or plan structures. And they make it clear that engineering can be an emo tional and romantic process, as well

as a strictly pragmatic one. A Calatrava bridge has become a trophy for ambitious cities eager to put themselves on the international map — both Manchester and Glasgow have work him. But Calatrava has also

opened the way for others. Future System's new floating pontoon bridge is an acknowledge ment that Canary Wharf is no longer just an artificial enclave of urbanity sealed against the East End in a self-contained bubble of its own atmosphere. Bit by bit, Canary Wharf is becoming a real place, one that it is possible to explore in a personal way. The bridge demonstrate that this is now a slice of authentic city, not just a backdrop for corpo-rate headquarters. In the shadow of Skidmore Owings and Merrill's improbable evocation of a 1900 Chicago skyscraper it stands — in

acid green tubular steel.

The address, a touch optimistically, is Wren's Landing. But there is something about the delicacy of this bridge that does indeed remind you Wren was a mathemat-ics don before he was an architect. and no mean hand at designing bridges himself. Living Bridges runs from Sept 26 to

# SHOOTING STARS



Up . . . DHSS employee Sue Tilley is suggested to subjecthungry painter Lucien Freud by her friend, the performance artist and artist's model Leigh Bowery. Freud, in a flurry of brushstrokes, produces Benefit Supervisor Resting — a corpulent nude kipping on a cosy couch. Up . . . A year later, in 1994, Freud exhibits his newest works among the old masters at the Dulwich Picture Gallery. "Big Sue" hangs between Rubens' Venus,

Mars and Cupid and Lely's Nymphs By A Fountain, and grabs more attention than those fading favountes combined. Away . . . The zenith of any model's ambition is attained. Sue the supervisor appears — in all three of the artist's studies of her In a glossy new compendium of Freud's work, to grace coffee-



tables everywhere.

Going . . . Pens Day Of The Jackal in 35 days, and sets off on his thrilling journey to become one of the first film-rights millionaires. Going . . . Retires. Only joking. Farming doesn't pay school fees. Returns to the typewriter. No joy from planned remake of Jackal he flogged the rights 23 years ago. Gone . . . His tenth novel, Icon, is panned in the press. He's dis-missed by Private Eye as "The man who knows. But knowledge does not make novels". Announces his intention to retire again. He finds writing more soponfic these days than counting sheep on his Hertfordshire estate.

Provocations

N 1985 I went to see Sir Roy Strong to try to persuade him not to introduce charges at the V&A. He was dismissive: 'Welfare-state culture." he told me, "is a thing of the past." But at that point he only introduced a voluntary charge. Now, on October 1, full charges are to be introduced — £5 per visitor (£3 concession).

There are those who think that charging at our museums and galleries is inevitable. I'm not one of them. I believe it must not happen if our muse-ums are to flourish. The plain truth is that the average fall in visitor numbers after charging is introduced is about 40 per cent. Some charging museums claim they have regained their audiences after three to five years. But compare visitor num bers at the charging Science or National History Museums and at the free British Museum National Gallery and the Tate: attendances at the free ones are more than double those at the charging ones. Just as important as the decline in numbers is the change in the audience. The less well-off, those who live further away and those who want to pop in regularly to see just a few things, depart: and in come the tourists, better-off locals

and specialists who, through

How to commit curatorial suicide professional connections, find ways of not paying at all.
I well remember the argu ments for charging. Sir Neil

Cossons was the most persistent and articulate. He introduced charging at the National Maritime Museum before going on to do the same at the Science Museum. He argued that muse-ums had become complacent because they were subsidised by the state and charging would make them focus more on their visitors. People pay for what

they want. There have been improvements in these museums since charging was introduced - popular displays and hands-on activities for children. But the Science Museum had, long ago, a world-famous interactive children's gallery which inspired the American versions on which the Science Museum's latest Launchpad is based. What has really changed are the numbers of chauffeur-driven cars lined up in South Kensington waiting to collect the kids after the museum's activities have finished.

In cost to the public purse, there is very little difference between a charging and a free museum. It costs a lot to look after our historic treasures and to make them safely accessible to the public so that they live again in people's imaginations. No museum I know of in the



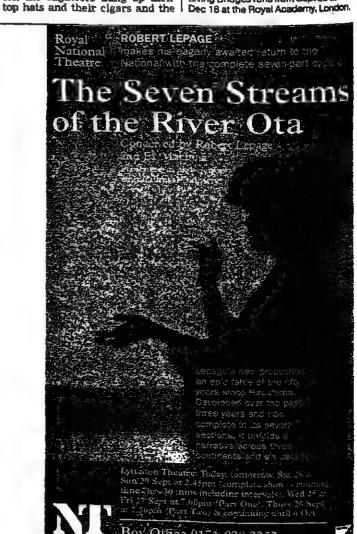
world breaks even, let alone makes a profit. All are subsidised by the state. The taxsidised each visit to the V&A by £14 before they introduced a voluntary charge. Afterwards, each visit cost us E34. because the attendances fell by so much.

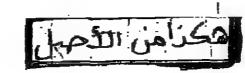
National Museums are for everyone's benefit, but they're beginning to act as if our collec-tions, which they look after, actually belong just to them. If they charge, they inevitably become part of the tourist industry. I'm not against tourists, but the past becomes a sham if it is only preserved for them. This is a world-wide problem: now to become interna tional while sustaining one's own culture. Museums have a key role to play here, but they'll only do it if they're free. When we opened our new St

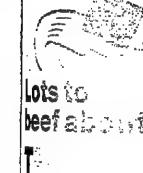
Mungo Museum of Religious Life and Art in Glasgow in 1993, we discovered we'd created a new type of public space. In this museum, followers of different faiths communicate their beliefs and concerns to each other and

to a wider public. That is why, when faced with that is will, when tacket with the terrible cuts we have had to make this year (10 per cent off a £13m budget — in one go), we have chosen to close Glasgow's museums one day a week rather than charge. Charging would be suicide. We'd lose many of our local visitors, particularly the less advantaged. We'd lose the support of the politicians who represent them. Even our friends in the tourist board are against charging. They think our free museums are excellent for marketing. Scotland needs 'all day family leisure activi-

it's wet). The director of the Louvre once told me that the sad thine was that he couldn't get the peoale of Paris to come to the be of Paris to come to the Louvre. The people of London do go to the National Gallery and the British Museum and to the Tate. The introduction of charges at the V&A that Sir Roy Strong set in train a decade ago is a diminution of this great tradition. It's time we cleared the field of the charging knights. Julian Spalding is the director of the







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# Cold comfort

HE most interesting thing about Caroline In The City (Channel 4) was the fridge There were probably all sorts of things inside — Norwegian flags, Captain Oakes's preserved corpse. Caroline could conduct an Antarctic expedition without having to leave her home.

In Oliver Stone's Heaven And

Earth, a Vietnamese woman's induction into American society was achieved with a long, slaver-ing shot of a refrigerator as big as the Ritz, filled with the bounty of consumer society. Here, the industrial-sized thing in the corner didn't even merit a close-up. It was a given inside this New York warehouse apartment, which made its presence more of an affront to British viewers: you mean their fridges

are as big our cars?

Lots to

beef about

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sex or death - it's the

excruciatingly, life-threaten-ingly boring the news can be. On

Wednesday evening I was trying

World Tonight (Radio 4) about

was so mind-numbing that I felt

scend, and knew that I must

quickly peruse something else

caravans, say — to release me. That's how politics works, of

course. The politicians take

some subject, like BSE, about

story most of us feel passion-

ately, and they turn it into a

which at its inception as a news

piece of administrative politics with which to bore us into indif-

ference. A politician is merely

comeone with a higher boredom threshold than anyone else,

which is why the current crop of

political compainers should be thanking Anna Ford and her ilk

for livening up the whole thing.

If complain they must, then

(as usual) they have their ears

peeled to the wrong target. The

person who really makes them

look foolish is not on the Today team but The World At One's

Nick Clarke, Clarke, who took

meglected national treasure.
While sounding as if he thinks it all a bit of a jape, be's master

of the provocatively faux naif

reminded the ex-Foreign

question. Interviewing Douglas Hurd on Thursday, he politely

over the steering role from

James Naughtie in 1994, is a

- a page of ads for second-hand

BSE and cattle-culling, but it

times isn't connected with

Our sensibilities were already more than usually attuned to the interior decor and the iconic placing of furniture of this sttcom because this was a pilot episode. How would it work for dinner parties? Flouncing exits? What does their furniture say about us? Is exposed brickwork passé? There was a long unfurnished area in front of the breakfast bar, forming a path which led from left to right across the screen to the apartment's front door. Its chief function seemed to be for Caroline to march across excitably in short skiris and heels (on polished floorboards), remonstrating with people as they left. She is played by Lea Thompson, who played a punk singer seduced by the eponymous hero of Howard The Duck. As in that film, nice legs, shame about the story. Furniture and the manage-

ment of space, though, are fun-damental. There was once a whole episode of Ellen about buying a new sofa, and for half an hour we agonised with the flatmates: after all, this is the piece of furniture that chiefly dictates the nature of the show In Ellen and Roseanne the sofa faces us, and we are situated somewhere behind their televi-sions: watching TV is the centre of their world, just as it is for us (at least so long as we're watch-ing the show). In Friends we form the fourth side of a square of chairs, with the television crucially off to the right, as though it was only a subsidiary

thing in their lives.
These details of interior design were central to Caroline
In The City because the estab-lishing script was so hackneyed.
Kooky thirtysomething cartoonist has an on-off thing with her floppy-haired, barrel-chested boss, but she also may have a burgeoning thing with an under characterised, buttoned-up colourist. She has a kooky sexpot friend down the hall, and now here's a first — a cat. Did I mention that they're all kooky?

It's tempting to feel that this, like Oh. Doctor Beeching!, is one pilot that shouldn't have made it into a series. This first episode of Caroline In The City timidly trod where Grace Under Fire, Ellen and Cybill have also pussy-footed. But it's too early to damn the show, particularly as it's cur-rently beating Friends in the US.

The animated linking sequences, devoid of wit but well drawn, were a particularly prissy element of the show. It's the reverse of *The Simpsons* (Sky 1 and 2, and BBC1 from next month), where the drawing is crude but the script remarkably sharp.

On Thursday Bart and Lisa went to a theme park run by a brewery. An aquarium in the shape of a giant tankard, filled with drunk fishes swimming in beer. A water ride where the water was really ale. Homer would have been in his element, but was sick after eating the largest sandwich in the world, so stayed at home to watch soft porn videos with his wife. The vast mess of dysfunctional American over-consumption was laid bare here in a way inconceivable in Caroline in The City. Big fridges, alcoholic theme parks, sandwiches as long as a street — America really has it all. Right? Wrong.

Secretary that those people spouting what Hurd had called rubbish about the EC belonged to his own party. Clarke has a strong, jolly voice, and uses it to clarify and doggedly elucidate. Eight days ago be conducted a superb interview with Stephen Byers, the shadow tunior employment spokesman allegedly indiscreet over the seafood. Slowly, logi-

cally (but fairly) he led Byers to the point where he could have ~ but of course didn't — declare the Labour Party's commitment like Clarke can no longer stop politicians from flanneling. At their best, as here, they can only reveal the flannel's dimensions. Wednesday evening's The World Tonight (Radio 4)

included an excellent report by Robin Lustig from Sarajevo on the Bosnian elections. Lustig. The World Tonight's chief presenter, has turned into a great radio reporter, his voice accreted with weary disgust at the ways of the world. His sharp piece on the elections was followed by a trudge round the former front-line with a Bosnian soldier, in which Lustig's rueful (but never flash) eloquence took shape and he noted how "men fought and died to gain control of a single room". The soldier observed that the war on televi-sion was different from that on

the ground. And, one wanted to

add, from that on radio. After this, I dipped in again to My Life As A Car, Mark Wallington's late-night Radio 4 comedy series whose first programme had so charmed me, only to find that our hero has reached middle-age and his author's imagination has devel oped a paunch: reader, it sagged On the other hand, the readings of the nation's favourite poems in Book At Bedtime (Radio 4) which I'd fully prepared to neer at, had me enraptured. Here is the canon, but freed from the kind of declaiming which, by drawing attention to the actor's voice rather than the poet's, so often effaces instead of enhances a poem's meaning. Slobhan Redmond's beautiful reading of Keats's Ode To A Nightingale didn't (as is common) toll funereally, but was something altogether more light, fresh, and soaring.

Michael Billington is mesmerised by Harold Pinter's new play, Ashes To Ashes

# Poet of darkness

#### The triumph

NEW Pinter play is always an event doubly so in the case of Ashes To Ashes, which takes place in the re-located Royal Court Theatre Upstairs. A beguiling wraparound 140-seat space has been created from the Circle of the old Ambassadors. In a foundly haunting and disturbing play, builds something new on the

foundations of the old.

At first it seems as if we are in familiar Pinter territory. The setting is a smooth, beige-carpeted room in a country house. A man, Devlin, relentlessly quizzes a woman, Rebecca, about a former lover. She describes how the lover would force her to kiss his fist and how her body would bend from his pressure on her throat: what is shocking is her submission to this form of sexual brutality. Devlin is impatient for more details, but the more possessive he becomes even finally echoing the lover's physical gesture — the more Rebecca eludes his grasp and retreats into another world.

Old Pinter buffs will instantly spot the connections: one thinks of Landscape, where a curdled mar riage is haunted by the memory of a past lover, or Old Times, where a woman remains triumphantly unknowable. But like many artists In their late work, Pinter colonises new territory without sacrificing the old. Here he allies his fascination with isolation and separate ness to his instinctive hatred of barbarism; he is exploring the apparent link between sexual and political fascism and the way one echoes, or sometimes even contra dicts, the other.

Other writers have made the same connection: not least the South African poet Breyten Breytenbach in Letter From Abroad To A Butcher, which asks how the hands that sanction torture can fondle a wife's mysteries, and Sarah Kane in her play Blasted. But where Kane violently luxtaposed the domestic and the political, Pinter, with infinite subtlety, interweaves them. Rebecca talks almost with adoration of her ex-lover Only gradually does she reveal that he was an overseer of oppressive factories deprived even of tollets (an image drawn from Pinter's reading of Gitta Sereny's book on Albert Speer) and that be tore bables from their mothers arms. The opening image of the clenched flat slowly expands into a metaphor for Nazism.

But Pinter is not simply exploring the link between sexuality and politics. He also draws a distinction between female resilience and male intransigence. What gives this hour-long play its emotional dynamic is that Rebecca undergoes a profound change while Devlin takes on the lineaments of her lover. As Rebecca describes past cruelties, so they come alive in her imagination; as she envisages a | Outstanding performances in an oustanding play . . . Stephen Rea and Lindsay Duncan



woman whose baby was snatched from her arms in an icy street she takes on her identity. Devlin, meanwhile, for all his invocations of God and moral duty slowly adopts the persona of the fascist lover.

Pinter's plays are not theses that come beribboned with messages; they operate more like poems. through verbal echoes and repetispellbinding play is offering a dis-tilled image of experience. How is it. he asks, that men can sanction terrible cruelties and yet be ador-ing lovers. Is their public mon-strosity echoed in their private behaviour? And is there some quality in women, intimately con-nected with motherhood, that allows them a greater imaginative empathy with suffering? It is fascinating how the word "baby" echoes through the text as if chil-

dren were the ultimate moral test. It is not a play that yields up all its meaning at one sitting, but it is a dramatic experience of extraor-dinary intensity. And what it shows is Pinter skilfully marrying private and public concerns. He is as preoccupied as ever by dreams, memories, the looped nature of time: Rebecca describes how her lover claims that his workers "would follow him over a cliff and into the sea" and then imagines the same image glimpsed through a Dorset garden window. But the mystery of existence is here attached to a passionate concern with the cruelties perpetrated in Nazi Germany or modern Bosnia, East Timor or Kur-distan. How, Pinter finally asks, can these things happen?

Pinter's own production con-vincingly makes the transition from England to European history Every gesture is also freighted with meaning. Lindsay Duncan and Stephen Rea begin by occupy-ing, with relative comfort, two capacious armchairs; by the end, in the gathering darkness, even the chairs have become places for huddled retreat. Duncan also moves superbly from an English-rose untainted innocence ("Nothing has ever happened to me . . . I have never suffered") into a locked-off world of torment. Res. for his part, beautifully captures the needling, dogged, persistent quality of a man who believes that truth lies in semantic definitions. In one sense, the play is a contest between the slippery elusiveness of women and the fact-dominated world of men.

But, in the end, Ashes To Ashes s a multi-dimensional work that will yield different meanings to each speciator: what it says to me is that Pinter is a radical poet haunted by the mystery of how recognisable human beings, capable of the heart's affections, can at the same time license unspeakable evil. It is the same question that lies t the heart of King Lear; and while Pinter no more has the definitive answer than Shakespeare did, he poses it with meameric precision.

After Britpop, C96. Caroline Sullivan runs a marathon of new music in north London

# Take me home



Next Big Thing? Dan. from Tiger

The slog

TRICIA DE COURCY LING

RITPOP? Yesterday's news. What we want now, according to those who know, is ing to those who know, is C96. This is the NME's catchy term for a cluster of new, mostly young. bands linked by the determination to do it themselves. New indie record labels are springing up at a rate unseen since punk, and Scots band Bis have already been on Top

many visits to unventilated pub back rooms, the biggest of the indies, Sub Pop, arranged the Camden Crawl — one night, six stages, 30 bands. A wristband and map were provided; it was then up to the punter to make his own way from the Dublin Castle half a mile north to the Monarch and the other venues sandwiched between. The axis was Camden Town tube. from which point you were on

out. The beauty of the idea was obvious early on, while watching Dweeb at the Monarch. (Dweeb clearly had to be seen first, as opposed to Comet Gain, Eska or Broadcast, because of their name.) When it dawned that all Dweeb had to offer was was Sham 69-like shoutery, you simply wandered off to the next thing. All the spontane-ity of a festival with none of the hygiene problems - what more could you ask?

Over at the Dublin Castle, in a minuscule room used by Blur to play the odd secret gig. Comet Gain were a very English mix of threadbare pullovers and sultry chirp-ing. The guitarist illustrated the incestuousness of this C96 hustness by remarking: "To everyone who was at the party the other night I'm sorry for whatever I did." At least half the joint sniggered. At the Underworld they confis

cated bottles of water at the door, but the Electric Ballroom, where Glasgow's Delgados were giving short shrift to received notions of melody, made up for it with free "herbal gin". That kept you going through Collapsed Lung, a kind of bad Brit Beastie Boys, but as the evening wore on, the novelty wore off. Fifteen groups to go, and it was raining. Reconnoitering at the tube station, the best idea seemed to be to follow the noisiest people. They band Bis have already been on Top
Of The Pops. By the standards of
madly fluctuating British pop, that
constitutes a full-blown movement.

Aware that checking out the
new bands could take weeks, and

keyboards. In all sexes and sizes. they were the only Crawlers who didn't sound like someone else.

There only remained to investi-gate the other big-queue band. Urusei Yatsura, whose trademark is a good screech at the start and end of every thrashy number. They were lining up all the way down the road for this.

One thing was correct - by the end of the Crawl, you certainly were crawling. Crawling home, that is, popped out, but with a feel-ing that Tiger could soon be

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"Trench explained that I had a "choice": the cane, with trousers on; or the strap, with trousers off. There was no choice, really, though Trench enormously enjoyed watching me make it.' Paul Foot

THILE THE rest of the media was debating whether 'a little caning' by ex-Eton headmaster Anthony Chenevix-Trench had ever burt anyone, Paul Foot was revealing the real depth of his abuse in the London Review of Books. In response to a new biography whose author commended Chenevix-Trench's 'common touch', Foot reported from direct experience that this touch encompassed

the 'sensuous fingering of his pupils' buttocks before and during the interminable bearings'.

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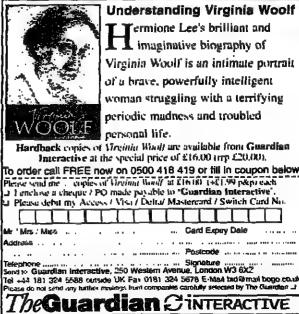
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Motor Racing

# Schumacher catches fire at Ferrari and clears the road ahead that leads to the promised land

Alan Henry hears from the Messiah of Maranello about the rise in the team's fortunes and why he has no fear of Damon Hill

motor verdict on his driving ability. 'I remember when some to test a Formula Ford car"
he laughs, "and he said, "The
guy is very quick in karting
but he will never be quick in a Formula car because the

Just a little, perhaps. The German's £35 million Ferrari contract for 1996 and 1997 has made him one of the world's

Schumacher's boyish outhome at Estoril this ward manner conceals the week and beamed with desort of steely resolve that was associated with the late Ayrton Senna and he has successfully laid claim to the Brazilian's crown as the best driver

in Formula One.

Quite an achievement for a lad from modest surroundings who, little more than 10 German town of Kerpen where his mother ran the think he was a little bit wrong For Ferrari, Schumacher's

arrival is akin to that of a grand prix Messiah. After wealthiest sportsmen and so years of struggling, the fam-encouraging has his first sea-son been with the team that that this is the man who can

ICHAEL Schu- he is now considering staying take them to the promised macher sat in the for 1998 as well. land. Three wins in his first season, and a timely pole position in yesterday's free ment may be correct.

Schumacher agrees that he has brought a calming presence to the volatile Ferrari environment. "I think I have he says. "In all teams a driver steer the team a little bit. Even if it is not too much, or too obvious, you can make the team nervous or keep it calm. I think in that respect I did the job, in that I didn't become was difficult, when other nervous and then, rather than

has improved a lot. You see ton where, in getting new drivers, it takes a certain time until everything adapts. think those times are over for us at Ferrari, but there are still certain things that need to be done before we are at the level of top teams like Williams and Benetton."

So does Schumacher be lieve that Ferrari can return to a championship wiming position? "Yes," he says firmly. "I am very optimistic that we are able to do this and that's what I'm pushing very hard for. That's why I am considering 1998, because I see what we have been able to do up to now. I think I can fore-see what happens in 1997, but the real potential, I think, comes in 1998."

when it comes to discussing

"The Ferrari organisation is proud of his wet-weather as improved a lot. You see domination of the Spanish as situation now with Benet-Grand Prix, and clearly relishes his win on the team's home soil at Monra. But his win in the Belgian Grand Prix at Spa, where his Ferrari de-veloped play in its steering, was extra special.

Tackling the 160mph swerves through the Belgian pine forests when you are not certain whether the front wheels will respond correctly is, he concedes, not something you want to do on a reg-ular basis. "It came suddenly, while I

was riding very hard over the kerbs. I took a couple of laps easier until I got confirmation from the team that the parts would be strong enough. But if you start to lose your trust have lost anyway.
"I have had had experi-

ences when I lost my steering

year. But I never lost my confidence in the team. Probably that is because I am still young Maybe in 10 years' time I would have come into the pits under similar Damon Hill may be on course to win the title this

year but Schumacher believes the Briton is only borrowing the title from him. "Obviously there have been a lot of stories that Damon has been a different person from the be-giming of the season, and so on. For me that is not the case; Damon is Damon. I know you can improve your-self slightly, to become more intelligent in certain areas, know how to handle certain

"Nobody has done this, in my view, ever. Not I, not any-body else, not Damon, and this has become obvious I be-

done a good job. There is definitely a certain pressure from having the best car; everyone expects you to win. So there-fore it should be quite interesting for him to go elsewhere next year in order to prove what is his real position.

"It was the same with me: being in Benetton for four and a half years, a lot of people spoke about my talent, but ob viously they were more confi-dent about myself after I drove The message may be couched in scrupulously polite terms but the sub-text is obvious. Schumacher does not regard Hill as a threat. Mischievously, perhaps, he things. But to change com-pletely? I don't see it. predicts that Heinz-Harald Frentzen, who will take Hill's

> more to heat ment sesson. Should Ferrari provide Schumacher with another who gave Michael his Formiddling car next season. mula One debut in 1991.



Schumacher . . . larger than life in Portugal yesterday

Frentsen could really worry him. At present Schumacher is the best driver in the world. But next year, will he be the

best German?

Raif Schumacher, younger brother of Michael, yesterday signed a three-year contract with Jordan-Peugeot. 'He has speed and commitment." said

Euro-Africa Zone, Group Two play-off: Great Britain v Egypt

# Rusedski serves notice of intent

film Blow Up, a cou-London park without a ball. A

singles victories over Egypt were real enough but there was a peculiar lack of atmosphere despite an excellent crowd of more than 5,000 on the soon to be demolished

oledon, even when things are from other matches. Here there was nothing else going on. It was very strange." An unfortunate off-court incident after four games of the

on it. "Normally during Wim-

opening match between Greg Rusedski and the Egyptian No. 1 Tamer El Sawy did nothing for the focus of the

the north stand of "Could we have a doctor quickly". An elderly spectator had suffered a heart attack and the two players had to break off for 45

sedski rattled off four games to take the first set 8-2. Britain were always clear favour-ites to win this Euro-African Zone Group Two promotion match, especially on grass, but Rusedski's dominant

park without a ball. A illusory feeling exillusory feeling extended on the grass which saw all four players tumble at various times and there was genuine the grass which saw all four players tumble at various times and there was genuine apprehension right at the start of Henman's match David Lloyd, Britain's team captain, was immediately

concerned that Henman might have aggravated the groin injury that he suffered before the US Open. Fortunately no damage was done.

Rusedski, after taking the first set had little further. first set, had little further trouble against El Sawy. A single break in both the second and third sets gave the Briton a routine victory, 6-2, 6-4, 7-5. He was able to serve well within himself, though

attack the Egyptian's unre-markable serve to obviously telling effect. This was the first time this sedski have been in the team together. "We have confidence in each other's game and know that, if one of us has an off day, the other can

pull things around,"said

still chalking up 16 aces, and

Petchey should wrap up the tie with a doubles win. This will take Britain into Group One, where the opposition will be altogether tougher but the prize is an ultimate place among the world's top 16 teams in 1998.

Henman's opponent was the 522nd-ranked Amr Ghoneim. After the US Open the British No. 1 took a complete rest and began practicing again only last Monday. Ini-tially there was not the least sign of rustiness as he won the first set 6-0.

Unlike the Wimbledon fort-night, advertising hoardings are allowed during Davis Cup play. Coca-Cola was much in evidence: Bovril would have

Henman's hopes of quickly setting into the warmth were halted as Ghoneim began to get used to the grass. He mixed up his play cleverly, hit the occasional stunning return, and generally proved himself a considerable cut above his lowly ranking.

An exquisite lob secured Henman his break in the second set but, when he his serve to go 5-3 down in the third, the prospet of a third, the prospet of a fourth set loomed large. For-tunately he battled back, eventually winning 6-0, 6-4, 7-5 to give Britain a seem-ingly conclusive lead.

MELL'S SCOTTISH LEAGUE

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SCOTTISH LEAGUE

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Strling v Greenock Morton



Davis determination . . . Tim Henman serves out for a singles win that gave Britain a 2-0 lead PHOTOGRAPH ROLAND HORONS may play at Clifton.

# Hockey

# **Atkins** at top

**Pat Rowley** 

FIE 11-year international career of Jill Atkins, Britain's Olympic team captain, is over. The 33-year-old defender, who won Olympic bronze four years ago and European gold in 1991, has told the England coach Maggie Souyave that she will not be contending for a piece at next year's World Cup quali-fier in Zimbabwe.

Atkins was tempted to play at the Commonwealth Games, in which hockey makes its debut in 1998, but recognised that she is not getting any younger and did not relish paving to resume training at

She intends to resume pla ing for her club, Bradford, only after the winter break so is one of several Olympic players who will miss the start of the Women's National League tomorrow. Leicester's Kath Johnson is also resting; Jane Sixsmith of Sutton is on holiday, and Hightown's Chris Cook has decided to

take a year off. pean gold and bronze and the National League last season, see this term as one for development. They have signed two talented teenagers — Helen Grant 17, and Anneliese Bishop, 16 — and both

# Weekend fixtures | NATIONWIDE LEAGUE

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Reading, Windham.

The big New York derby to the National Footbell League tomorrow is not so big The Counts and the Jets have each lost all The Claimts and the Jebs have beach lost all three of their genore this season. Micromes Ched. a syndicated columnist, is one of topics who have been untraproceed by the two leasest. "The Jebs' offerior is resemblecent of the Russning of the Bullst, only less organized," he stross. "The Glaimts' offerior is regulated." In surces.

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the "golden goal" tiebreaker, introduced at Euro 96, is to be submitted to Uefa by the FA

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i-1	frightening accident at Newbury yesterday.  A body protector saved the 53-year-old jockey from a much more serious injury and it is not thought that he will need surgery.  Carson was taken to the out with her	required: He with the liver depart- tiless than two differed the injury out to mount the Meshhed when ound and lashed near-hind leg.	enough to return to Despite Classic withis season on France and Matiyahe has been irritastant inquiric retirement.  In the week Derby, which he he	wins abroad run Ta Rib in two a in Ireland. aga ited by con- es about before the wei	couble Splendour seld is a bad race and in his loo outings has come the rapidly improvitions Open. That looks rock-solid for at though he has plenty ight I hope to see him ting strongly and gain a
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Ayr yesterday. The 10-year-old was running in the colours of Uncie Jacks Pub, which is named after the

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# STIRRING EUROPEAN RECOVERY AT ST PIERRE

# **Davies runaway** win leads Solheim pairs fightback

get, showing figures of five, three, two and two up, and the top match in particular was generating real excitement.

were out in 30, five under, and Davies went for a huge drive

over the be-treed corner of the long 10th. The ball clattered

down into the roots, whence

she dispatched it into more

of it. Not to worry. Johnson holed a winning 18-footer and

Davies, considerately, picked

the ball out of the hole for her.

Typically, the world No. 1 came straight back into the

fight. A 60-foot chip at the short 11th ran straight into the hole, the pair moved to

five up and, with a lovely lit-

tle sporting gesture, Kelly Robbins offered Davies a "low

five" as they left the green. Two holes and two more bird-

les later and the match was over; Davies and Johnson

Behind them Screnstam and

Marshall managed to hang on to enough of their three-hole lead after 12 to win on the last, but Neumann and Catrin Nils-

mark could not hold off the

remarkable Dottie Pepper and

David Davies at Chepstow sees the US reined in after an ominously dominant start

cliched, talk about there being a lot of golf still to from the same distance for a be played, about its not being winning birdie there was the distinct suggestion of a roar.
It was now 3.18pm and the scoreboard by the 6th showed, over yet, about golf being a funny game. At that stage the United States led Europe in in match order, Europe lead-ing by three, two, two and one holes. Forty minutes later the board got as good as it would the Solbeim Cup by 31/4-1/3 and a rout was in prospect.

After the afternoon session, though, that had been averted. Europe won the four-ball series 2%-1% and, although overall they are two points behind at 3-5, all the real meaning to them again. As the Ryder Cup men proved in the US last year, two points can be more than made up in 12 matches, let alone the 20 still to come here.

with holes 3 to 6 only achieved by roping-up and slipping on crampons. Once up there, though, there is a natural amphitheatre offering a view of the 5th and 6th greens, and early in the afternoon this heavily populated Kop was un-

Perhaps it had been stunned into silence by the events of the morning, but even when the first match through the 6th was won for Europe by a Trish Johnson Europe by a Trish Johnson birdie there was not much

Next up was Kathryn Mar-shall, who was greeted with a couple of half-hearted "Come on Europes" and she promptly urged them on, ask-ing for more. But the crowd needed something real to get excited about, and immediately Marshall's partner Annika Sorenstam provided it. from the 10th and they too In went a 20-foot putt for a birdie, to move the pair to two

First-day results

A Screnstern/C Nilsmark halved with K Robbins/M McGann L Davles/A Nicholas lost to P Sheehan/R Jones 1 down M L De Lorenzi/D Reid lost to B Daniel/V Skinner 1 down

H Alfredsson/L Neumann lost to **D Pepper/S Burton** 2&1 Europe %, United States 3%

L Davies/T Johnson best K Robbins/P Bradley 6 and 5

A Sorenstam/K Marshall best V Skinner/J Geddes 1 up

L Neumann/C Nilsmark lost to D Pepper/B King 1 down H Alfredsson/A Nicholas halved with M Mallon/B Daniel

MATCH POSITION: Europe 3, United States 5

hours, the final fourball reached the last green. A win for Europe looked likely after two great shots from Alison Nicholas, but Beth Daniel, in T LUNCHTIME here up and to move the crowd to the trees and out with her yesterday there was a enthusiasm. So much so that second shot, holed from 15 tot of brave, if when in the next match. Lise feet for a very unlikely and lotte Neumann also holed rather unfair half.

The initial stages of the morning foursomes had looked distinctly promising as Sorenstam and Nilsmark quickly went three up on Robbins and Michelle McGann. They had teed off in a grey gloom of a morning, albeit in front of a stand three-quarters

glanced at the heavens, as if to say "I knew I'd do that". and she went on to miss the green with her third shot and that the Americans were immediately one down.

They continued to play poorly, taking 40 — five over par — to the turn and were deservedly three down. At this stage Europe were lead-ing in three matches, down only in one, but there was some unravelling to come. Not only did Robbins and

McGann settle down, they produced four birdies on the back nine, including one at the last. Nilsmark had holed from seven feet for their birdie, leaving Robbins with one from four feet for the it, there was a noise in the then, bravely, knocked it in.

to come. Davies and Nicholas. down all the way from the 5th, first time in foursomes, then Marie-Laure de Lorenzi and Dale Reid. level at the turn, contrived to take 41 for the lose by one hole. Daniel and Val Skinner taking 40 and get-

Perhaps the worst display of the lot came from the botand Neumann were two under par, and two up on Pepper and Brandie Burton, after 10 holes. They shook hands on the 17th green, having lost 2 and I and having bogeyed five of the next seven boles. The Americans were one over par for their last eight holes and went from two down to two by the Swedes.



Exemplary short game . . . Laura Davies chips to the green during her 6 and 5 win with Trish Johnson Tony MARS-VALL uneveniful 73.

# Sherry hits out at 'joke' course

Patrick Glenn at Lech Lomend

NA day when the wind howled and the flags seemed to go into hiding several players voiced their deep displeasure at the set-up of the course here.

Most notable of the critics was the resident professional Gordon Sherry, who shot a four-over-par 75 in yester-day's second round. "The pin placements were a joka," he said. "Loch Lomond is a stern enough test without making

it stupid. "It's an American-style course, surely it's meant for arget golf; you don't need to firm up the greens. The rough has been grown, too, and you've no shot if you're off the fairway. They didn't need to change it; this is not the real Loch Lomond."

He was joined in his condemnation by one of his play-ing partners, Peter O'Mailey of Australia (78), and by New Zealand's Frank Nobilo (79). O'Malley went so far as to suggest that "somebody on

the Tour should be sacked". Sherry's outburst was en-dorsed by the high scoring: the cut was made at 151, nine over, and only seven of the 120-strong field broke par for the day. Still, the conditions seemed not to matter to Jean Van de Velde, the French-man, who shot a course-record 65, or Thomas Bjorn, the little-known Dane who took the halfway lead with a 69 for

a three-under 139. Van de Velde attributed his performance to a putting tip from his wife, although he remained secretive enough not to divulge details. 'She is a 15-handicapper and plays about three times a year," he putter, never misses." Van de Velde not only had seven needed only 11 putts on the back nine, which he covered

The Australian Robert Al-lenby also called the pin place-To join Van de Velde on two under. Ian Woosnam hauled himself into contention with a 69 to be three off the pace, level with Colin Montgomerie who picked up three shots in the last five holes to finish level. Nick Faldo is two

Soccer

# **Rioch No.2 to Houston**

Martin Thorpe on a piece of role-reversal ship with him for the past year at Arsenal and I know Winterburn has been charged that spells a new south for Manchester City what he'll bring to the club. that spells a new snub for Manchester City

short list for a manager when Bruce Rioch preferred to join Queens Park Rangers as No. 2 Arsenal Stewart Houston. Having already been snubbed by George Graham and Dave Bassett, the City chairman Francis Lee could be forgiven for considering

yesterday's offer from Tommy Docherty to take over as a consultant working "Bruce is coming in as my first team a year ago — coinalongside a young coach. "It | No. 3." he said of his former | cidentally coming on as a subis a genuine offer." said The | Scotland team-mate. "I had a | stitute against City. He arDoc. "All he has to do is call." | very good working relation | rives on a month's loan.

ANCHESTER City | Stranger rings have hap yesterday wiped | pened. Rioch's acceptance of another name off | Houston's offer to reverse their increasingly | roles was a big surprise. Have a management team." roles was a big surprise. Hav-ing just settled a \$500,000 pay-off with Arsenal, maybe Rìoch feels be can now afford

to his former assistant at to take a less stressful back.

Arsenal Stewart Houston. seat and consider management offers as they arise. Nevertheless Houston, who took charge of Rangers only this week after resigning as to appease their fans? They Arsenal caretaker manager signed Eddie McGoldrick, the last Friday, was quick to point out who would be boss. "Bruce is coming in as my No. 3." he said of his former

"We've spoken at length and we're both very comfort-

Rioch's arrival will help plug the coaching gap left by the resignation of Frank Sibley as No. 2 and Billy Bonds as youth team coach.

Having been snubbed by three managers, what did Manchester City do yesterday Arsenal winger who last merited a place in the Highbury

disrepute by the Football Association after incidents in Monday's 4-1 win over Shef-field Wednesday. The leftback is alleged to have ges-tured at Wednesday fans after Arsenal's second and third

goals.

The PA spokesman Steve
Double said: "The player has
been charged on the basis of
reports filed by the referee
Mike Reed and the fourth official Paul Alcock."

Wednesday's manager
David Plant was expected to

David Pleat was expected to complain about the referee's cluding missing an incident in which Ian Wright pulling Regi Blinker's dreadlocks. However, the FA said yester-



Rioch ... assistant

day that it had so far received no formal complaint.
The German midfielder Stefan Effenberg, who had been linked with a move to Arsenal, has signed a new four-year contract with Bor ussia Mönchengladbach. The Aston Villa goalke Mark Bosnich, who has not played all season, will visit a

league and Coca-Cola Cup and will be assisted today by the

nian because of a hip prob-

However, Smith's problems look like nothing when set be-

side those of Tommy Burns,

his rival at Parkhead. Celtic

must confront Dunfermline at

home today, followed by the

the Uefa Cup in Hamburg on

French champions.

specialist today to see if he needs a knee operation.

the game. But Maradona was in T-shirt and jeans and snubbed a suggestion that he stop and buy a proper shirt. He decided that his fame was enough to set him through the door. get him through the door. On arriving at Chelsea's main entrance, however, he return from injury of Brian Laudrup; the Dane missed the midweek victory over Hiberardess who was not so sure

lem. Ally McCoist, though, has a calf injury and will not only miss Rugby Park today but is already a serious doubt for the meeting with the pened in Diego's World, seemingly impossible job of overcoming a 2-0 deficit in

automatically. So he just walked in, heading for the first room he found, a VIP lounge, where he was imme-diately surrounded again. A combination of claus game against Real Betis an relegated below Lineker is trophobia and a realisation bour early tomorrow. Not the presenters' hierarchy.

Tuesday.
All this without his firstchoice midfield, with Phil O'Donnell and Paul McStay However, his central defender

# open doors at the Bridge that this was not the route to keep fans out of bars or to his seats caused Mara- avoid a clash with another dona to panic and flee to the nearby stairwell, where he crouched, still sur-

The Hand of God fails to

# Soccer Diary

Martin Thorpe

HE only thing a star bates more than being recognised is not being recognised. Or so they say. Just being snubbed is bad enough. Last Sunday the surreal world of Diego Maradona collided with the real world

of Stamford Bridge, and here is the full, weird story. The Argentinian's host for his English trip, Puma, bought him and his entou-rage four directors-box tickets for the Chelsea v Aston Villa game, costing £250 each.

As the strict dress code demanded collar and tie, Puma also handed out four Chelsea ties on the way to and asked him to wait while

where all doors opened

come in despite his T-shirt. the point of no return had been passed. Maradona called for a taxi, uttering the immortal words: "If I can't get into a football stadium something is wrong."
On the way back to his hotel, as if to prove a point, he leaned out of the taxi

window to give a thumbs

up to a homeless man in a blanket, then stopped off at

a corner shop for a sand-wich and a can of beer.

rounded by fans, begging

finally arrived to ask for

patience and to assure the

PEMEMBER Gary Bra-bin, arrested after Blackpool's game last Sat-urday over a tunnel incident which resulted in Brentford's Jamie Bates being taken to hospital? Fittingly, Brabin was described in the Blackpool v Chelsea programme in midweek as "a midfielder who likes to get involved".

WE MUST all offer Tony Adams our support in his time of trouble, writes Chris Simpson of Lancaster. So no cracks about him being on the wagon instead of pulling it.

Wigo will kick off their THE Spanish side Celta

game, but to allow their Is-raeli international midstart You Kippur, the Jewish Day of Atonement.

his entourage. "Get me out of here." When Chelsea officials OF COURSE. Dave Bas-sett is not the first man who lived to regret a promise made the night be-fore. But who does Francis about Gary Peters, the Preston manager. Then Manchester City could have Peters and Lee — the blind leading the . . .

> DAVE SMITH wanted to show his loyalty to Rangers. So he had a £48 tattoo of Ally McColst drawn on his leg. with the player's name written underneath. Unfortunately spelling is not Dave's strong point. So now he has "Ally McOist" written on

AZOO expert has told London's Evening Standard that Vinnie Jones was wrong to call Gary Lineker a jellyfish, because jellyfish are "very popular — and they don't dive". However, if Lineker's motive for his outburst was to stir up selfpublicising controversy, Jones's jibe was spot on, be-cause jellyfish too are see-

through.
But Jones is not the only person Lineker has stung. Steve Rider is understood to be quitting the BBC to host ITV's new Formula One coverage after being relegated below Lineker in

# Argentina's Caniggia free for the taking

CLAUDIO CANIGGIA, the Argentine international striker, wants to play in England and has been offered to four Premiership clubs, writes Martin Thorpe.

The former Roma and Benfica player is out of contract so is available without a fee, though he will demand wages comparable with other foreign Premiership stars.

The four clubs comprise two from London and two in the north but do not include Arsenal, with whom the 29year-old was previously

Caniggia was once banned for 13 months after testing positive for cocatne, but his representative in England, the sports lawyer Mel Gold-

but all that is behind him. He is a big crowd pleaser and would be a tremendous asset to a club."

Chariton have signed the Colchester midfielder Mark Kinsella for an undisclosed six-figure fee. Southampton are planning a £10 million share issue to raise funds for berg, said yesterday: "He did new players

# **TEAM SHEET**

Andy Colo who acored a midwoek habitick for the resorces, is close to his first part of the season for United Roy Keene who has recovered from arthroscopic tines supply, will roplace Necky Butt, who has strained a call muscle, in midrald,

Blackhum a problems have been beacer-bated by imprise to the right side of their learn, though Georgi Poincs (brissad ribs) and Hemming Berg riskad legi may both be in in time. Evertion are keopany their plans quest but thiny may be planning a shake-up of the Brook procession Personnella.

After telding the same starting hencup in their seven games this section. Liverpool may be ready to make a change Partik Bergor who has scroot the goals in each of his last two games, could displace Stan Collymore. Chalse, recall Frank Libourt and Gunliuse Vielli, both resided for the Coca-Cota Cap with at Blackgoot, and infroduce Frodu Gradas a Norwegian international on loan term Literatum as substitute goalkooper.

The 7-0 romp over Hereford in the Coca-Cola Cup look more out of Middlesbrough than seemed possible at the Inne Emo-son Johnsho, Curds Floming and Phil Whotan all suffered minor separtes and lace fitmoss tests this morning. Nick, Barmby with ream in the ream. Artisonal may recall Tony Adams, and sessed to thate recovered from his know inpury in a midwork reserve quite.

FOCEM Forest V West Main Forest will still be without Kovin Campbell themstring) and may have to rule out Paul McGregor Iffel, but Bryan Roy should be back in the starting line-up Bobby Howe and Vance Warner have been added to the squad. Whola Jerkan could be back in the team. Wort Harn have life Durnhrisecu available again after international duty with Romania, but he is likely to be one of the substitute a begunster be is not fully fit. Steve Mautone, continuing in goal in place of the instructure continuing in goal in place of the instructure of the substitute because he is not fully fit.

# Sheffield Wed v Derby

Wednesday may have a big hole in their castial defence don Newcoms, Dalas Seletions and Des Walker all lace timess bests berby, who have not won at Hillsborough since 1939 may be without Aljosa, Acandew, who picked up a Bigh linguy in raining this week, but have Darry! Powelf tanklo! Ron Willems (grain) and Marco Gabbladini (flu) available again.

Sunderland's injury news is good. Mail Quinn has recovered from his anide mjury. They could give Alex Rae has first stant of they season or recall Krym Bell, but there is no place for Darkiaz Krymckl, Brian Bor-rows continues at right-back for Coventry as Reggie Genaux is not yet over his groin

#### TOMORROW Tottenham v Leicester

Though Andy Sutton is back. Spuis have forward problems: Teddy Sheringtian is with sideland with a thigh strain. Chris Armstrong faces a filtness test after picking up an injury at Présign in midweek and Darrien Anderton playe on though he needs bernial surgery. Letocates are likely to return Emile Heskey, Neil Lemon and Simon Grayson to give starting land-up after Tuesday night? 2-0 win at Scarborough Junio Lueringe. Neil Lewis and Alarik Robins are especial to make way. The delenders blike Whitlow and Colin Hill are suffer unit form a virus. So the Frenchman Franck Robins, in standing by

# A N Other

FOR the best part of an 18-year career spent in front of the game's most famous human hill, this skilful, quick-witted attacker was never booked, and when the record ended it was more a result of bad judg ment by the referee than any misconduct on the player's part. He was one of the first

wingers to be withdrawn behind the front runners, a role he filled with distinction before finishing, briefly, among some webbed feet in Wales. Last week: Trevor Brooking (West Ham United).



Performance of the week: Ian Wright (Arsenal), whose hat-trick against Sheffield Wednesday on Monday brought his total of coals for the club to 150.

# Scottish preview

# Rangers determined to stay focused at Kilmarnock

DISTRACTIONS can be a dangerous thing in football and Walter Smith, the Rangers manager, will be only too anxious to concen-trate on the business in hand at Kilmarnock today.
The Ibrox side face a week

which involves a Champions'

League showdown with Aux-erre on Wednesday and the first confrontation of the season with Celtic next Saturday, Such a prospect can deflect attention from the first hurdle and make a damaging blunder a real possibility. Smith is determined that his players should preserve their two-point lead over Celtic in the Premier Division before meeting their most serious

of results at home."

# meeting their most serious rivals. "It's important that we don't take our eye off the ball at Kilmarnock to look at Europe and Ceitic." he said. "It's easily done, but they have to maintain concentration and keep up the good run of results at home." "The content of the ball in the ball in the content of the ball in th

Rangers have won all eight of their domestic games in the

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Mike Selvey at Grace Road

EICESTERSHIRE continued their drive towards the County towards the County Championship yesterday. Phil Simmons took them past 350, thumping a square cut to the boundary bang on 5pm to claim maximum bonus points. A draw, with the three points it brings, would be enough now to give them the title should the game last until tomorrow evening.

Indeed Leicestershire have probably done enough already to ensure that things will be sewn up long before then. When bad light halted play at 5.30pm they had reached 381 for eight, a first-innings lead of 191.

Middlesex, outplayed and looking weary, do not seem in the mood to offer a deal of resistance. But on a day of rising Leicester euphoria their coach, Jack Birkenshaw, strongly criticised the defen-sive leg-side tactics employed by Phil Tufnell and sanctioned by Mike Gatting, the Middlesex captain.

Tufnell, as he frequently has this season, abandoned his orthodox method of pro-pelling left-arm spin to right-handed batsmen from around the wicket after only six overs yesterday. For his remaining 19 overs he fired the ball into the rough outside the batsman's leg stump. It is designed to frustrate the batsman, but it does not do much for the spectators either. For any spinner to resort to such tactics also shows scant regard for the game's ethics.

Gatting attempted to justify it by saying that they had been doing what was best for the side. But it is a pathetic way to play the game -- particularly when coming from

David Hopps at The Oval

T MIGHT be one of the clos-

est championship finishes in years but, as grey clouds enveloped the capital for the

second successive day,

Surrey's challenge could

hardly have seemed more fu-

tile. This is a game suffering

Only 40 overs were possible

after Thursday's abandon-ment, during which Worces-

tershire progressed safely

enough to 134 for three, and

only the most incorrigible Surrey supporter will still an-

Scoreboard

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County Championship

SUSSEX v SOMERISET
Hower Sussex (4pts) require 150 runs to
avoid an immings detect by Somerset (8)
with all their second-innings wickets

nanding. RUSSEDt: First Innings 141 (Caddick 5-56,

331. Bowling: Drakes 18-0-88-3: Law 8-0-32-0; Salisbury 31.1-6-91-5; Phillips 21-2-92-2; Kirtley 9-1-37-0; Lanbam 1-1-0-0.

from SAD.

Surrey v Worcestershire

Birkenshaw was al. "For an England bowler cal. "For an England bowler to use that tactic on the second day spoils the game." he said. Lord's also had its say with Tim Lamb, who takes over as chief executive on November 1, insisting that the game's international and domestic governing bodies must clamp down

must clamp down.
"The TCCB and ICC feel the issue of bowling down the leg side has to be addressed." he said yesterday. "As the laws stand it is legitimate but it is not edifying." They will doubtless set up a working party to look into the matter.

Lamb had already been alerted by a phone call from Grace Road, seeking clarifica-tion on one of those anomalies that tend to arise in a game of such complexity.

This one involved the Middlesex wicketkeeper Keith Brown, who having missed the first session because of soreness to the finger he dislocated on the first day — Gatting tested the stitching on his trousers by deputising — took up his stance to Tufnell

on the leg side of the batsman. Did that, Simmons wondered, constitute a third fielder behind square on the leg side, contrary to the laws? Lamb consulted the former Test unwas that the keeper does not constitute a fielder as such and, provided he was in a position to be the first person to intercept the ball should the batsman miss it, everything was as it should be.

The dubious strategy brought Tufnell the solitary wicket of James Whitaker who having made a robust 89, knocked his bails off in sweeping — at a cost of 69 and failed to disturb the equanim-ity of Simmons, surely the County Cricketer of the Year. England's premier spinner | His 120-ball innings contained and its senior county captain. | 12 fours and three sixes.

and hands numbed by cold,

and overstays its welcome

deep into September. A

summer's aspirations — rep-resented by the endless catch-

way journeys and continual

ing sessions, jading motor-

frets over form and fitness -



Never stumped . . . the Middlesex captain, Mike Gatting, had to take over wicketkeeping duty yesterday LAUPENCE GREFTING

# Unhappy Kent condemned to fighting a phoney war

few times this season.

out for 249 or less.

like a phoney war.

a triumph of optimism over astigmatic light. This stub-logic. It begins in mid-April, born attempt to disregard the lapsed to 32 for three against Paul Weaver at Bristol

ENT are provisionally second in the table this morning, two points ahead of Surrey, having taken a maximum four bowling points against Gloucestershire yesterday. But they did not look ecstatic about it; this

was a desultory, hands-inpockets sort of day Their noble bid to turn the table upside-down and finish top, having been bottom last year, ended in mid-afternoon with the news that Leicestershire had secured a second batting point. Before the

also have lost the runners-up prize-money of £15,000. They may well lose this match, having conceded a first-innings lead of 87 runs. At the close, after a fiery burst from Courtney Walsh and Mike Smith, they were 21 for one in their second in-

weekend is through Kent may

nings, still 66 behind. Daryl Foster, Kent's Australian coach, presented a watery smile and did his best to look philosophical, although in truth he must have a 62-ball 54, his fifth fifty of felt like giving Lady Luck a sharp kick on the shin.

Unsung pair

call the tune

ANY expressions of sur-prise over the selection of Ashley Giles and Michael Vaughan for the

England A tour to Austra-

lia must be retracted now. Giles, a slow left-arm spinner who has blossomed

as a batsman this season.

struck a sparkling maiden

first-class century yester-day and Vaughan, York-

shire's 21-year-old opener.

equalled his career best with a commanding 183. Giles and his fellow spin-

ner Neil Smith put on 163, a county-record eighth-wicket stand against Lanca-

shire, in 34 overs at Edgbas-

ton to help Warwickshire recover to 386 all out. He

reached his century off only 133 balls and finished on 106 not out. Vaughan was somewhat

less spritely against North-amptonshire's lightweight

attack. He spent six hours

equalling the score he made

against Glamorgan in the

first match of the season,

then lost his leg stump to

• Sri Lanka's hopes of win-

ning the second Test in Co-

lombo inside three days

were thwarted by Zimba-

bwe's oldest player, Ali Shah. The 37-year-old made

an unbeaten 62, his maiden

Test half-century, to help

They need 47 runs to avoid

an innings defeat.

WARWICKSNIRE v LANCASHIRE Edgboston: Lancashire (6th) trail War wickshire (5) by 105 runs with seven trail brings wickets standing. WARWICKSNIRE

Gloucestershire v Kent

# Chess Another 2%-1% win, this time against Arantxa Sanchez Vicario. Foster, who flies home on Monday and will return to nation Olympiad in Erevan, spring Japanese Mat.

next year, said: "We really lost it yesterday. It was disapthew Sadler, the 22-year-old British champion and youngest in the team, scored the pointing to get bowled out for winning point but Nigel Short and Michael Adams again 154 on the biggest day of our season. We have collapsed a conceded draws to much

Sport in brief

"We have done well this lower-ranked opponents. So far Short and Adams have year, with just one defeat, and Martin McCague has been drawn six games out of seven. England's women spoilt outstandingly our best player. But today it was a case of hoptheir fine start by losing 3-0 ing Leicestershire got bowled to the Ukraine, and dropped out of the leading group.

"Earlier this season we Equestrianism were in a good position to beat Derbyshire but, while Mary King, fresh from her first Burghley triumph, heads a record field of 92 after the Leicestershire played 20 miles away, we were rained off. I thought that would be cru-cial." In fairness all counties have such stories to tell. dressage tests of the Blen-heim Vauxhall Monterey

horse trials, writes John Kerr. Kent have not looked the On King Solomon III, an eight-year-old tackling only his third three-day event, the stuff of champions in this match although McCague bowled well again and took his summer's tally to 76 wick-Devonian holds a single-point advantage over last year's winner, Pippa Funnell, on a seven-year-old, The Tourmaets. Gloucestershire, who resumed on nine without loss, were finally bowled out for line Rose. Behind them are 10 241 after a series of belliger-ent late-order partnerships. Monte Lynch top-scored with riders closely bunched with scores of less than 50.

the season, but by then it felt

The unseeded Kimberly Po continued her demolition of tre on October 1.

# **SPORTS NEWS 23**

Rugby Union

# Carling thinking of **England**

Robert Armstrong

ILL CARLING will use Harlequins' League One match a springboard from which to relaunch his England career into a remarkable 10th season of Test rugby. The former England skipper, who has helped propel Quins to the top of the Courage League with a 100 per cent record, looks certain to be included over the weekend in a revised national squad for next Wednesday's scheduled training session at Bisham Abbey. The 30-year-old has shown

no slackening of pace, fitness or enthusiasm in his three League outings to date, underlining his claim to an England recall by adding ac-curate goalkicking to his repertoire of skills. The Quins centre has also made it clear that he will not listen to any-

land manager always insisted that the high-profile absentees — who also included Rory Underwood, Jeremy Guscott and Dean Richards had not been dropped, merely sidelined while the selectors assessed other players. If Car-ling is recalled, he will not be

remains pivotal.
According to one RFU source, Carling's return to the squad would have no connection with his forthright criticism of the English Professional Rugby Union Clubs (Epruc) with whom the RFU has been locked in a power

really counts out there on the field — his case for inclusion in the squad as a centre is hard to resist." said the

Irrespective of who gets the England captaincy — the forwards Jason Leonard, Lawrence Dallaglio and Ben Clarke have all been touted -Carling would serve as a positive playing influence in a squad that has been coolly manipulated for dubious po-litical motives in recent weeks. Having won 66 caps (59 as captain) and led Eng-land to three Grand Slams, Carling continues to enjoy the kind of cult status among supporters that would act as a timely corrective to wide spread public dismay at the

squad's inactivity. No doubt, Carling's proven track record as a winner — he has shared in 47 England victories - also commends itself to the coaching staff who feel that the loss of quality trainone who tries to tell him not to attend squad sessions or play for his country.

In July and August, Carling was left out of two successive training squads announced by Jack Rowell, but the Eng.

Barbarians (November 30) up. Matches against Italy (No-vember 23), the New Zealand Barbarians (November 30) and Argentina (December 14) are now likely to be supplemented by a hastily arranged test against Australia on No-vember 2 or 16.

It would, of course, be richly ironic if Carling, who was sacked and reinstated as captain by the RFU during reinstated as captain — he has no wish to resume the job months ago, were to emerge, albeit inadvertently, as an allowing point among players whose loyalty is

wavering. Epruc officers may consider themselves fortunate that Carling has been out of the England squad, otherwise they might have suffered the embarrassment of hearing a struggle. "Quite simply, Will loud raspberry from the dis-has done the talking that tinguished Harlequin.

the rankings at the Nichirel International in Tokyo yester-day when she beat the fourth seed Mary Pierce 7-5, 6-4 to earn a place in the semi-finals

doubles player of all time, has agreed in principle to come to England to live and coach next year, writes Richard

# **Darts**

The oldest and best-known tournament in the British game, the News of the World Open, is returning after a sixyear absence. Maximum 180s are rare in this competition, open to every player in the country, as the throw is traditionally from 8ft and not the professionals' distance of 7ft

# Boxing

Birmingham's McCracken has lost his chance of adding the WBO world middleweight champi-onship to his Commonwealth title because his manager Mickey Duff cannot agree terms with the champion Lonnie Bradley of the United States. McCracken, unbeaten in 27 fights, now meets Fitzgerald Bruney of Canada in a Commonwealth rematch at the Aston Villa Leisure Cen-

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# Counties update

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LETCESTERSHIPE

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ing of spectators, wrapped in winter coats, sat many yards apart, enclosed in their wist-ful private thoughts. Chris Lewis, who cried off with in-

summers, and there are few finer sensations than playing cricket on a sunlit September's afternoon, but all too often the championship me-The first-class fixture list is anders to a halt in shadowy.

Mournful autumn of discontent

are relinquished with brief expressions of sadness.
There will always be those who speak fondly of Indian

square had dried out suffi-ciently, which did little for the reputation of a mooching ground staff. The Oval was a cavernous shell of unpatronised beer stalls and secondhand book stands. A smatter fluenza, was right to stay in

seems the very stuff of English eccentricity.

It was lunchtime before the

There was brief exhilara-

Citelansford: Glamorgan (dots) trail Esses (4) by 312 runs with eight first-innings wickets standing.

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Total (for 1, 8 overs) ..

Second Test (Third day)

tapires J W Holder and A Julian.

ing arrival of autumn, will deepen his despondency. MORTHANDTONGHISE - YORKSHIRE Northampton: Northamptonshire (2pts) trail Yorkshire (4) by 395 runs with eight 

bring Surrey their first bowl-

ing bonus point after an

hour's play. But Tom Moody,

with a surname to capture the

ambience, restored the home

an unbeaten 60 from 69 balls

After almost three hours

play, the light predictably closed in.

Graeme Hick, unwanted by

England, had driven mourn-

fully to extra cover. It must feel strange not to be dream-ing of challenges ahead. Win-

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supporters' melancholy

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LANCASMIRE First Innings
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J E R Gallien b Munton 2
J P Crawley b Smith 73
N H Fairbother not out 53
G D Lioyd not out 63
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# Valking helps Cure

Scientists now know that walking helps protect you against some cancers. And takes few steps closer to finding a cure. One day. To do just that, National Walk Week starts on Sunday 29th September and lasts until Sunday 6th October. All you need is a pair of legs. To find out where your nearest organised walk is, call the number below. To organise your own, fill in the coupon. In the end, your sore and tired feet could stop the pain of someone with cancer. lease complete the coupon and send to Cancer Restarch Campaign, 1376 Pizzney High Street, London SW15 ISLL

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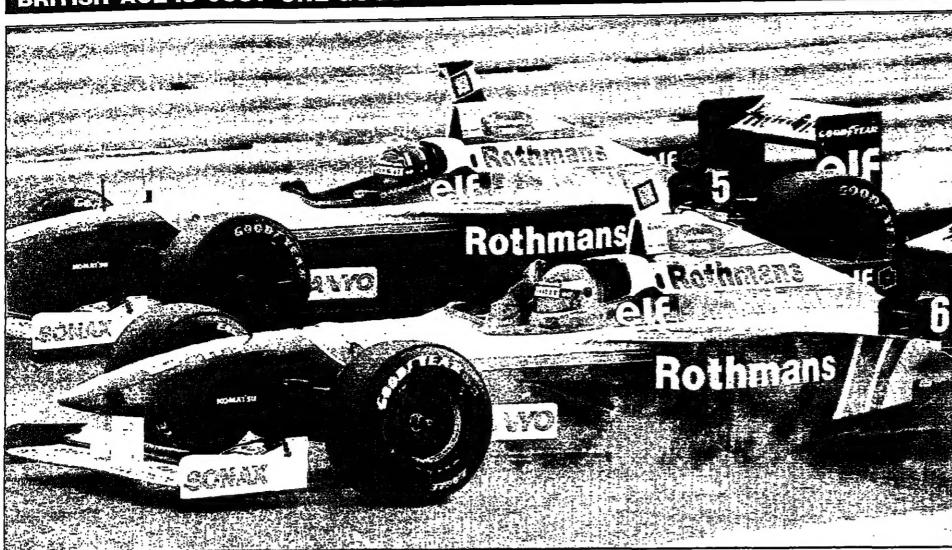
Ferrari's giant leap **Bright future** for Prancing Horse



Solheim Cup Davies leads Europe to a late recovery

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# Day for disillusion or glory

Richard Williams reports from Estoril on Damon Hill's date with | Iusionment may seem the | ing here. It's quite bumpy. destiny and a world championship in tomorrow's Portuguese GP

is never simple. even when it seems straightforward. He will win the Formula One world championship if he finishes ahead Jacques Villeneuve, his Williams team-mate, in the Portuguese Grand Prix here tomorrow. But if the French-Canadian wins the race, or finishes second with Hill in fifth or sixth place, the battle i influence of Bernie Eccles will continue into the season's final round, in Japan in three weeks' time.

After seven victories in 14 races so far this year. Hill's 13-point lead makes him an odds-on favourite. But there are no guarantees. "If it were just down to performance and driving." he said before prac-tice started yesterday, "I'd be very confident. With the car I have, and feeling the way I do at the moment. I believe I can go out on Sunday and win the

But there have been enough times this season when we've had proof that grand prix racing can throw up the unexpected

He is also being forced to contemplate his future at a time when he needs to focus all his efforts on this weekend's race. The crescendo of speculation can hardly be

even temper yesterday in the face of endless questioning. All requests for the latest information on his contractual negotiations were firmly refused. "I'm not disclosing what my plans are," he said. "I've had a lot of discussions and phone calls. In time there will be some news. But I'm here to do a job of work." It is now clear that even the

tone. Formula One's chief power-broker, has not been enough to get Hill a seat in either the Ferrari or the Benetton team next year. Ecclestone knows that ITV.

which takes over British transmission of the series from the BBC next year. wants to see a British cham-pion defending his title in a competitive car. Ferrari and Benetton took the proposition seriously but concluded that the disruption to their settled teams, not to mention the several million dollars required to compensate Eddie Irvine or Jean Alesi for the termination of their contracts, would not be matched by the poten-tial dividends of Hill's

presence.
This means that Hill's only possibility of a competitive

OR Damon Hill life | though he was maintaining an | macher, the world champi on's 21-year-old brother, who was introduced to the press yesterday. For Eddie Jordan, Hill's proven competence as a test driver would make him the ideal complement to the German novice, who is said to lack none of his elder brother's self-confidence. Hill's final realistic option.

that of joining the new Stew-

'It will be very exciting. You'll see Jacques and me driving to the absolute maximum here'

art-Ford team, is not favoured by Ecclestone since it would not satisfy the requirement of putting him up among the front runners in the team's first season, however satisfy-ing it might be to help Jackie

Stewart get his project off the ground. So Jordan it will be, so long as Hill wins the title. Yesterday he denied that

most appealing option of all. He ended yesterday's prac-

tice session with the secondfastest time, almost three quarters of a second behind Michael Schumacher, who is finishing the season with a terrific flourish after a year of hard graft and will be hoping to become the first Ferrari driver to win three grands prix in a row since Alain Prost's victories in the Mexican. French and British races six years ago.

second further back, behind Ukyo Katayama's Tyrreli-Ford and Irvine in the second times cannot be taken as a serious reflection of perfor mance since each team are working on race set-ups rather than trying for ultimate speed.

Schumacher warned that although he might be able to repeat the performance in today's qualifying session. the car is unlikely to perform so effectively during the race. But if he takes pole position and gets a good start in the race he will be hard to displace on a winding 2.7-mile circuit which offers only limited opportunities for

overtaking. Hill is at home here. "I love it here," he said. "It's one of the more dangerous circuits we go to. There are several drive now rests with the Jordan-Peugeot team, where he mind. But if he again fails to and don't have any run-off would partner Ralf Schutake the championship, disilareas, but I always enjoy driv-

which makes it more difficult.

For Villeneuve there are no permutations to clutter his more than Damon this week-end just to have a chance." he said. "It's going to be a tough battle, and I hope we can fight right up to the last lap of the ast race.

watch them fight it out in his rear-view mirrors, was asked which of the two he would like to see taking the champion-ship. Like he said with a ship. smile. "is the wrong word." Next season, he was implying he will get his title back. Schumacher's thoughts are of the future. But for the man he has thwarted for the past two years, nothing much matters beyond tomorrow afternoon.

Schumacher speaks, page 20

# Hughes the biter bit from behind



David Lacey

HERE was much fuss at Stamford Bridge last Sunday about tackles from behind. It stemmed from the number of times that Chelsea's Mark Hughes appeared to be fouled by Aston Villa's Ugo Ehiogu without a free-kick being

With Hughes things are not always what they seem. Strength in possession is among his prime assets. He is not easily knocked off the ball, iet alone knocked to the ground

So when Hughes, with increasing frequency, was left by Ehiogu in a sitting posi-tion, arms raised at the injustice of it all. it was tempting to conclude that the Aston Villa centre-back was having rather a good game.

The referee. Jeff Winter. seemed to agree. For the most part he ignored Hughes's ap-peals. Needless to say this made the home supporters very angry: as angry, in fact, as they used to be when Hughes, playing for Manches ter United, was winning free-

kicks against Chelsea. Winter's strange decision to penalise Gianluca Vialli for doing nothing more than screen the ball against Ehlogu with rather more success than Hughes enjoyed did not improve the crowd's mood.

Nevertheless the Villa player emerged from the match with credit, having shown that there is at least one English defender able to get tight on opponents without conceding free-kicks. Frank Leboeuf, however, took a different view.

In the short time that he has been playing Premiership football for Chelsea. Leboeuf. a sweeper in the best French tradition of Marius Tresor and Laurent Blanc, has reminded the English game of the half-forgotten art of de-fending with the brain. His

positional sense alone recalls Bobby Moore. So he needed to be listened to when he complained about tackles from be hind going unpunished

"They are dangerous," he said. "They could break some-one's legs. The rules are the same all over the world now it is forbidden to tackle in that

Well, it may be in theory but again English football is going its own sweet way in the mat-ter of interpretation. What if the attacker is backing into a defender, as Hughes was often doing against Ehiogu on Sunday? This was where Le-boeuf's argument, though correct in the general sense fell

down on specifics. Even so, the principle of tackling from behind needs to join the charge on the goal-keeper in the museum of ancient football customs. Given the speed of the modern game, it exposes the victim to serious leg, ankle and Achilles tendon injuries.

Diego Maradona was hacked down from behind so often that in the end be took to wearing shinpads fore and aft. Tackling from behind has never been unique to British football, only the equanimity with which, even now, it con-tinues to be accepted. With more foreign players being at-tracted to the Premiership. that acceptance must surely be living on borrowed time.

Once again the European competitions are exposing the frailties of English defences. Forbid tackling from behind altogether and the only park available to any budding Steve Boulds would be Jurassic. But England might eventually produce better centre-backs.

ARK HUGHES, of course, has always been able to look after himself, Leboeuf's pleas on the Welshman's behalf were eloquent but Hughes has not always en-

joyed French support. Six seasons ago Manchester United met Montpellier at Old Trafford in the quarter-finals of the Cup Winners' Cup and were held to 1–1 in a game dominated by the libero: of Blanc. Pascal Baills, a Montpellier defender, was sent off after apparently floor-ing Hughes, although televition suggested that contact had been minimal.

Or as Leboeuf might have said. *une grande illusion*.

Alasdair Fotheringham on the sensational end to Big Mig's Tour of Spain

# Indurain abandons in mid-race

return of the Tour de France hero Miguel Indurain to the Tour of Spain turned sour on yesterday's 13th stage. After a five-year absence from the Vuelta, Indurain opted for cycling's equivalent of an early shower rather than take on the most important climb of the event the nine-mile ascent to the Covadonga lakes.

The organisers had long begged his sponsor for the return of the man who dominated stage racing for the first half of the Nineties but ignored his home race for five vears to concentrate on win-

Tour de France champion brought enormous expectation in Spain and equally enormous relief to the race organisers. Last year an enforced change in race dates from April to September had seen public interest wane and journalists outnumber fans on some mountain top finishes. But now, with Indurain in the race. the public flocked back to the roadsides, a record number of reporters were accredited, and Spanish television moved cov-erage from the minority channel TVE 2 to the popular TVE

riding nobody complained. Tour de France winner de cided he had had enough

Having been virtually forced to participate by his sponsor. he slid out of the back of a leading group on the penulti-mate climb of the day. After descending the mountain at his own speed he rode slowly along the race route to the team hotel at the foot of the Covadonga climb and disap-peared inside. It was the first 1: la primera's normal major stage race in more than schmaltzy South American six years.

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His debut as a fully fledged | liven siesta time were merci | champion struggle like that, Four de France champion | lessly cut, but with Indurain | said his former team-mat said his former team-mate Pedro Delgado.

Indurain had already admit ted he lacked the necessary motivation, and the warning bells began to sound on Tues day when he failed to perform well in a 30-mile time-trial, traditionally his forte. When leader Alex Zülle in 1.2 miles climbing on Thursday the rumours started that he might abandon. It is now touch-andgo whether he will continue riding next year.

Laurent Jalabert took the 106-mile stage and his ONCE team-mate Zülle retained the **Quiz Answers** 1. Superman, who will marry Lois Lane in Metropolis on

but I like that aspect of it. A lot of the circuits are the

smooth, billiard-table type

where you don't get the same

sensation of car control and

with the race set-up, but tomorrow it will be just as

vital to establish in his mind

a balance between the aggres-

sion needed to fight Ville-neuve and the prudence

required to produce a title-

winning result, which may

involve settling for a place be-

hind his team-mate, "Tye al-

ways taken the approach that

aim to win races." he said

"It'll be a very exciting race. You'll see both Jacques and

myself, and anyone else who

feels he can win the race.

driving to their absolute max-

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Yesterday he experimented

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Conservative Central Office.

3. Liz 'Lips' Hurley.

4. The Hight Hev Roddy Wright, alm the Bishop of Argyll and the Isles, aka Bishop Starsky.

5. [c] Peter Kerry, the 15-year-old paperboy with wanderhast.

6. Astronaut Shannon Lucid, who caught the Shuttle after a six-month delay.

British Anviey. 10 cost £60 million. — Charde

8. The European Standard Personal Odour Unit (olf is shor Personal Odour Unit (olf is short for offectory). The EU is spending £500,000 researching how much British offices smell.

9. (b) The Misjors

10. The police — the 42 chief constables of England and Wales urged the Home Secretary to scrap the Econoling laws.

11. The Bisto Kids, derailed after 80 years, because the

fter 80 years beca

company mants to give gravy a younger image. 12. (a) Virmie Junes, who res-ponded by calling his accuser, gary Lineker, a jellyfish,
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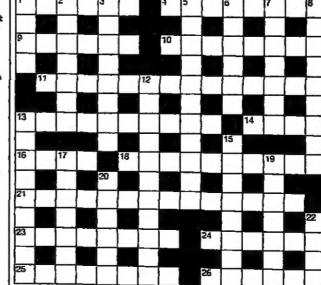
into the 20th century. 14. Socialism was pronqued dead by Kim Howells, while

How you rate: 0-4: Five Hail Marys 5-9: Three Our Fathers 10-14: Extra water

# Guardian COMMINS Crossword 20,764

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18 Indicate "Sing in the Marsh"

21 L'assaisonnement (6.8) 23 Caesar's murder wasn't made out with turn (8)

25 One of the hellish Women's Lib's partners holding the aces (8) 26 Sportsman or railwayman

24 The barer part of education?

not getting in late (6) Down

1 Blind outlaw's bonnet (4) 2 Where to find Her Majesty's exam paper? (7) 3 Bow to the landlubberl (5,3)

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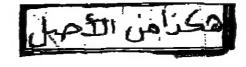
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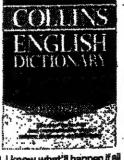


The Catholic Church's problem in this area is that most of its potential recruits to the priesthood are virgins, many of whom assume, with the apocalyptic lack of confidence of adolescents, that they will remain virgins for ever, so that they are not actually giving anything up. Yet, ordained and older, they suddenly discover themselves unexpectedly attractive to women.

Mark Lawson's brush with the cloth

Week cover story





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one runs on's up (11) 13 Bewilder knight discover embracing spy chief (9) 15 Porcelain encourages

inferno (8) 17 It's Frank, a brother for nothing (7) 19 A home in Heaven! Pardon?

20 Loose rock on North partition (6) 22 A pound a whopped (4)

